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King Khalid

High level changes announced

RIYADH, Dec. 21 (SPA) — The government Friday announced a number of high level personnel changes involving senior officials of the Ministry of Defense and Aviation.

Royal decree issued here ordered the retirement as Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of Gen. Othman Humaid. However, he will serve as an aide to Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan and will hold the rank of minister in the government.

In addition, Sheikh Kamel Sindi, general manager of Saudia, has also been appointed as an aide to Prince Sultan, and will hold the rank of minister.

Aud Sheikh Abdullah Mahdi has been retired and replaced as director of civil aviation in the Kingdom by Sheikh Nasser Al-Assaf Al-Husseini.



Sheikh Kamel Sindi



Sheikh Abdullah Al Mahdi



Gen. Al Humaid

Israel starts campaign against arms for Arabs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 — Israel is conducting secret campaigns on Capitol Hill to block proposed U.S. arms sales to Saudi Arabia and Egypt, *Arab News* has learned. The effort against the Kingdom will be

more or less in the open, sources told this newspaper, but that against Egypt will be conducted totally behind closed doors.

The sources said Israel is citing its fears that an influx of new sophisticated weapons to Saudi Arabia and Egypt "will upset" the military balance of power in the region.

The Israeli effort also seeks to convince Congress to put pressure on the administration of President Jimmy Carter to sell that country all the sophisticated weapons it has asked for.

The sources told *Arab News* that Israeli Ambassador Ephraim Evron met secretly last week with Vice President Walter Mondale and National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski to discuss the arms question.

The sources said Evron told the Americans that since Egypt and Israel have signed a peace treaty Egypt has no need for new weapons.

They said the ambassador said that President Anwar Sadat's position in Egypt is weakening, and he might be toppled, leaving any new weapons in the hands of a government which might be hostile to Israel.

Meanwhile, in Jeddah, U.S. Ambassador John West has denied that a visit of a delegation from the Department of Defense has anything to do with a specific crisis in the area.

West said that the visit of the team, headed by Deputy Assistant Secretary Robert Murray, is part of the continuing process of consultations between the two countries which has been going on for years.

Reports in the U.S. press that the delegation was in the Kingdom to discuss possible use of Saudi military facilities were false, West said.



BOARD MEETING: Al Kawther board during its first meeting at Sheraton Hotel, Jeddah, Thursday. Picture above shows from right, Wahib Abdullah Bawarib, Abdullah M. Al Saghir, Dr. Adel Bushnak, and Prince Turki.

Desalt industry launched

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 21 — The Kingdom's first company set up to manufacture desalination plants held its first board meeting at 3 p.m. Thursday, and its chairman said the meeting marks the real birth of the desalination industry here.

Prince Saad Al-Faisal, chairman of the Al-Kawther Company reviewed its plans and objectives at the meeting at a Jeddah hotel and predicted a rosy future for the company.

Al-Kawther is a wholly-owned Saudi company established by the Saudi Center Group and the King Faisal Foundation which is building a factory to produce small and medium size desalination plants here.

Company officials said when the project was first announced last May that their aim is to produce enough of the units each year to provide fresh water for an entire city.

The plant, under construction at the Jeddah Industrial Zone, will build desalination plants which use the reverse osmosis method of purifying water, in which the water is passed through a series of chemical membranes to remove salt and other impurities.

Officials have said that they hope to begin production of the units by the middle of next year.

The King Faisal Foundation, set up by the sons of the late King, is a philanthropic organization which invests in projects to aid technological and social development in Saudi Arabia and developing states.

The Saudi Center Group is a consortium of Jeddah-based companies with interests in desalination, construction, transportation and engineering. The company's contracting division participated in construction of the second largest reverse osmosis desalting unit in the world, located in Jeddah.

Yamani sees oil glut OPEC undecided on prices

By Bob Lebling and Jim Landers

CARACAS, Dec. 21 — Despite intense bargaining over the past two days, oil ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries failed to reach any agreement on unifying oil prices at their 55th ministerial conference here.

"There was no decision on prices," Venezuela Energy Minister Humberto Calderon Berti said at the four-day meeting.

Calderon told reporters each member state of OPEC was free to set any prices they wanted. He indicated OPEC would wait several months and study the international oil market before meeting again to try to resolve the pricing controversy.

Most of the 13 oil ministers never emerged in the corridors of the Hotel Tamanaco Wednesday. At 8:30 a.m. Calderon Berti went upstairs to the suite of Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, leader of the moderate group here, and did not emerge again until well after 11 p.m.

Yamani himself made only one brief appearance Wednesday, pausing long enough to say only that he did not know if the ministers could reach any pricing agreement.

Dr. Mane Said Otaiba, oil minister of the United Arab Emirates, came down at about 5 p.m. and told reporters "we have agreed not to agree."

Agreement on a unified price structure would have cleared the way for discussions concerning several long range strategies for the organization in the 1980s. Instead, many observers were predicting on Thursday morning that OPEC's ministerial committee on long-term strategy, which had been expected to finish its final report immediately after the pricing conference, would now not even meet.

Speaking after the meeting Sheikh Yamani told a news conference he was assuming no political factors would affect markets — a

reference to the shortages caused by the Iranian revolution which doubled prices in the past year.

"There will be a glut and a definite drop in prices," he added.

Sheikh Yamani said OPEC had failed to reach a price decision at this meeting because of instability in the market and the consumers' failure to reduce their oil use.

"Prices will tend to go down and those with higher levels would find themselves in difficult situations," he added.

Following is a list of current prices in U.S. dollars charged by the 13 members of OPEC for standard grades of crude oil:

- Saudi Arabia, \$24 per 42-gallon barrel, up from 18.
- Iraq, 22.18, no price change announced.
- Kuwait, 21.43, no price change announced.
- United Arab Emirates, 27.56, up \$6.
- Algeria, 26.27, no price change announced.
- Libya, 30, up 3.75.
- Nigeria, 30, up 3.73.
- Indonesia, 26.50, up 2.
- Venezuela, 24, up \$4 but technically up \$6 because of the elimination of a \$2 surcharge over OPEC's old 18-dollar base.
- Ecuador, 23.41, no price change announced.
- Gabon, 22, no price change announced.
- Qatar, 27.42, up 6.

Zayed in Riyadh today

ABU DHABI, Dec. 21 (R) — United Arab Emirates (UAE) President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al-Nahayan would visit Saudi Arabia Saturday for talks with King Khalid, the official Emirates News Agency WAM said Thursday.

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Scores arrested on West Bank

JERUSALEM, Dec. 21 (Agencies) — Scores of Palestinians from the occupied West Bank of Jordan were arrested recently on suspicion of plotting commando attacks in Israel, military sources said Friday.

They declined to disclose the specific number of detainees or their identity but said they came from the town of Ramallah and nearby villages.

Large quantities of weapons and ammunition were discovered hidden in caves on hills near Ramallah, the sources added.

They said further information about the commando cell would not be released until the investigation was completed.

On Thursday, six students were injured in baton charges when Israeli police, using tear gas and firing warning shots, clashed with Palestinian students.

Iranian leaders discuss hostages' fate

TEHRAN, Dec. 21 (Agencies) — Iran's revolutionary leaders have held a series of top level meetings to discuss the fate of 50 American hostages held for almost seven weeks at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

But early Friday there was no indication whether the new moves indicated an early release for some of the hostages or whether they would be put on trial for espionage as promised previously by the authorities.

The Iranian Pars news agency said the revolutionary council met Thursday night to discuss the hostages. No details of any decisions taken at the meeting were mentioned.

Pars said some members of the council had held separate meetings Thursday with Ayatollah Khomeini.

Khomeini said in a speech televised here Thursday night that any talk of possible U.S. military intervention to free the hostages was just a myth to frighten Iran.

Khomeini said he had received several warnings about U.S. military action, though he did not say from whom.

Washington has consistently ruled out the possibility of military action, the last denial from the State Department coming Thursday.

But the ayatollah conceded that recent pronouncements from the White House indicated the Americans might be adopting a more sensible attitude to the hostage crisis.

Over the past week, there have been contradictory statements about what might happen to the hostages.

The departure of the ex-Sabah from the United States to Panama last Saturday was originally expected to hasten developments.

Beirutis protest high cost of living

BEIRUT, Dec. 21, (R) — More than 1,500 people marched through west Beirut Friday to protest the high cost of living.

The demonstration passed without incident.

Protestors invaded the office of the local governor during a similar demonstration in the northern City of Tripoli two days ago.

Inflation in Lebanon is estimated at more than 25 per cent.

Meanwhile, the Palestine Liberation Organization Thursday accused Israel of shelling a village in southern Lebanon 25 kilometers north of the Israeli border. No casualties were reported.

The PLO's regional command said the 40-minute barrage was directed against the village of Zrariyeh, 14 kilometers south of Sidon, the provincial capital.

Zrariyeh is in the commando-controlled sector of southern Lebanon, but the village itself is not known to house commando bases.

The PLO also accused Israeli-backed Lebanese rightist militiamen of taking part in the artillery attack, which left "considerable damage in the village and surrounding orange groves."

A statement quoted the PLO military commander in the south, Haj Ismail, as saying commandos are "under strict orders to practice maximum self-restraint and avoid replying to the enemy's provocations."

The joint command of the commandos and the Lebanese leftists in southern Lebanon held an "urgent" meeting later in the day to discuss the Israeli escalation, the statement said.

Ismail said the command took a "series of decisions to deprive the enemy of any pretext to attack the south." He did not elaborate.

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Higher proportion of Saudis employed

Labor situation better in Jeddah, survey says

JEDDAH, Dec. 21 — The Saudi Arabian manpower shortage may be less acute in Jeddah than in Riyadh or Dammam.

A survey on the workforce of the three cities, carried out by the Ministry of Finance and National Economy's Central Department of Statistics and published this week in the *Saudi Economic Survey*, has found a higher percentage of Saudi Arabian workers in private firms in Jeddah than in the other two towns. The survey refers to results obtained at July 1977.

It has always been suggested that Jeddah, because of its role as

the entry point for Mecca and its international trading background, has been more vulnerable to the penetration of non-Saudi Arabians. Not so, the survey indicates.

The report found that of the companies under study, in Jeddah those employing 100 or more personnel had an average 22.5 per cent of their workforce Saudi Arabian. In Riyadh the corresponding figure was 9.5 per cent and in Dammam 17 per cent.

For companies employing between two and four people, the percentage in Jeddah was discovered to be 32.3 per cent, in Riyadh 25.7

per cent and in Dammam 35.1 per cent. There were roughly corresponding decreases in proportions of Saudi Arabian employees across the whole country as the size of companies decreased, tending to argue against the traditional view that Saudi Arabians do not fit into large organizations.

The survey examined companies operating from fixed addresses, thus excluding taxi and truck drivers. It included only full-time, salaried people.

In Riyadh and Dammam construction was found to be the major employer, but in Jeddah the wholesale and retail trade took the largest bite of manpower: 27.9 per cent as against Riyadh's 54.7 per cent in construction and Dammam's 42.9 per cent.

Construction in Riyadh was followed by manufacturing, with 18.3 per cent of the total, the wholesale and retail trade with 16.9 per cent and finance, insurance and property with 5.4 per cent.

In Jeddah the wholesale and

retail trade was followed by construction, with 25.8 per cent, manufacturing with 20.6 per cent and public services like electricity, gas and water with 8.5 per cent.

Manufacturing took second place in Dammam, with 22.5 per cent. Transport and storage employed 12.9 per cent of the total and services took 8.2 per cent.

In all three cities the highest proportions of Saudi Arabian workers were found to be in the production sector: 40 per cent in Riyadh, 49.5 per cent in Jeddah and 50.4 per cent in Dammam. In each clerical workers followed, with 31.4 per cent of Saudi Arabian workers in Riyadh, 27.9 per cent in Jeddah and 35.6 per cent in Dammam. Services were third in each, with 10.5 per cent, 13 per cent and 7.3 per cent respectively. Managers and technical and professional staff were in fourth and fifth places in each town.

For non-Saudis the proportions were distributed approximately the same way, except that foreign-

ers were not found to fill more than four per cent of managerial posts.

Examining educational levels, the survey found that the largest single block of Saudi Arabian workers in each city was of people who could do no more than read or write. Illiterates were almost as large a group, coming second with almost 30 per cent of the total in all three towns. Saudi Arabians with university-level or higher education formed approximately ten per cent of the local workforce in each city, although Jeddah was shown to be leading Riyadh and Dammam in that field.

The survey found a positive correlation between educational levels and occupational groups. Most Saudi Arabians who had completed the secondary level or above in their education were listed as professional and technical workers and managers, while most of the illiterates and those able only to read and write were classed as production and service workers.



GUARD: King Khalid attends the graduation of the fourth joint forces unit at the National Guard Military College in Khushm Al-Aan. During the ceremony, the King met officers, (top), inspected troops (center), and watched exercises carried out with live ammunition by the graduates.

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Hopes for Saudi intercession

Fateh man hits out at Qaddafi

JEDDAH, Dec. 21 — Col. Moammar Qaddafi of Libya has given no financial and military aid to the Palestine Liberation Organization since 1974, Fateh representative to Saudi Arabia Rafiq Al-Natcha says.

Natcha told *Arab News* Friday that even donations to the Palestinian revolution by private Libyan citizens, a practice followed since Bangladesh gets

import financing

JEDDAH, Dec. 21 (SPA) — Bangladesh is to receive a \$ 20 million loan from the Islamic Development Bank to pay for crude oil imports. The deal which is for imports from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates was signed in Jeddah Wednesday.

the time of King Idris, were confiscated by Qaddafi. He would not hand them to the families of Palestinian martyrs.

In addition, Qaddafi thought that the Palestinians were mercenaries who would take orders from left and right, rather than a valiant people pursuing a rightful and noble objective, the liberation of Palestine from Zionist occupation.

Natcha said that in a recent speech, Qaddafi incited the Palestinians to blow up the Suez Canal and close the Straits of Hormuz to cut off oil supplies to the West.

"But why on earth should the Palestinians engage in such actions, especially as the Palestinians do not own any oil to make it part of the game? If those are the

intentions of Col. Qaddafi why doesn't he give orders to his own army, or use his own oil as a weapon, to start with?" Natcha asked.

Natcha said the Palestinians were astounded when the recent apologies of Col. Qaddafi to the United States for the burning of the American embassy in Tripoli and his announced readiness to pay compensation were followed by an order to close the PLO office and expel the organization's representative in Libya.

He also said he hoped that Foreign Affairs Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal will manage to resolve differences between the organization and Libya on his visit to Tripoli. He added that Saudi Arabia was always foremost among countries that try to promote Arab and Islamic solidarity.

German talks
set for Jan. 5

RIYADH, Dec. 21 (SPA) — The Saudi-German Joint Committee for Economic and Technical Cooperation will meet here Jan. 5.

The session, the joint commission's fourth, will be chaired by Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail and West German Economy Minister Count Otto Lambsdorff.

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Temperatures will rise gradually in the Western and North Western regions with easterly to north easterly surface winds. The weather will be sunny during the day and cool in the evening in the Central, Eastern and North Eastern regions with northerly to north westerly surface winds of moderate speed. Some clouds will accumulate on the Western, and South Western regions specially the highlands. Sea conditions will be moderate in the Red Sea and light in the Gulf. Friday temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

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Jeddah	32	18	Wajh	25	14
Riyadh	16	7	Turaif	13	0
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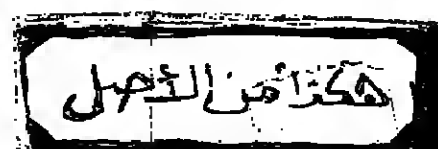
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At an orderly, attractive town

Jeddah deputy looks 20 years on

By Timothy Sisley

JEDDAH, Dec. 21 — Deputy Mayor Dr. Hassan Hajara says at over the next 20 years Jeddah will not grow far beyond its present boundaries. Despite an expected doubling of population from today's million, the only marked spread will be toward the new airport in the north.

In an interview published in *Arab Business* Saturday, Hajara says that the planning of infrastructure, which Mayor Muhammad Said Farisi has said must look 20 years to the future, will encourage those directions of growth. Housing, he says, is no longer a severe problem. Services are simply making the city attractive come next.

The 2,000 apartments at Jeddah Towers have been finished, the Prince Fawaz Cooperative project on Mecca Road and the Medina Road mass housing programs are getting under way. Roads and services are now the priorities,

with the municipality laying significant plans for road widening and parking space.

Sert Jackson International of the United States and the Saudi Consult have a year to go on their master plan for the city's development. The company was hired two and half years ago on a SR28 million contract from the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Deputy Ministry of Planning to update a master plan carried out by Robert Mathew Johnson-Marshall of Britain in 1971. That plan was never officially adopted, and events soon bore it away. Sert Jackson has now developed a broad strategy, and it will devote the next year to detailed study of each area.

The major problems the firm has found Jeddah to be facing are the growth in car ownership, from 40 to every 1,000 people in 1971 to 125 in 1978, and the movement of population to the north. The extent of such disruption to a

planner is evident from figures on population density that vary from 20 to each hectare to 800.

Despite such enormous changes in the shape and nature of the city, Jeddah must be preserved, Hajara says. For Saudi Arabians and Muslims "the old Jeddah must stay, we must keep close." Saudi Arabians take their identities and their responsibilities from the family, and the family structure must be allowed to survive. That is done through small, mixed-use areas, self-contained for people's daily needs of work, shopping, schools and workshop.

How exactly those small areas will be organized must await the approval in March of the Master Plan's strategies. There are really only two options: one to leave things as they are now and plan cosmetically, the other to bring about an entire reorientation of the city. It is possible that the second will be attempted.

That will mean building east of the by-pass beyond the airport

and moving industry, 60 per cent of which is now small-scale plant dispersed through the town, to the immediate west of the road. Strips of land would then be divided up between the south of the new airport and the north of the present one. People would travel east to work and stay in their own area for most of the time.

For those employers that cannot be moved, major roads would drive from north to south. By happy coincidence, these would tie in with most of the present and planned flyovers.

A comprehensive public transport relying on local buses from east to west and longer distance buses from north to south would have to be established. For recreation, open space would be provided across each area. To make the town more pleasant, the cement plant may be moved far to the north.

The municipality has already instituted a scheme of planting and development of small gardens, a source of some pride to Hajara. This project has been allotted SR4 million this year of an SR1 billion projects appropriation. SR1 billion compensation fund and SR250 million budget for recurrent expenditure. It is being spent on 26 small parks in waste blocks, and planting along the roads and landscaping areas.

Hajara comments that most earlier efforts to make the waste ground bloom have depended on plants that need a good deal of



Dr. Hassan Hajara

attention. That is why every night trucks dump treated sewage water on the lush garden outside the Planning Ministry. Now the policy is to plant desert bushes and trees that can be left alone after preliminary tending.

The 26 parks are blocks taken over, cleaned up and planted with local shrubs. No grass is used

because it takes maintenance; shade is the aim.

With that the municipality is experimenting with landscaping barren areas. Work is underway in the dust under Crown Prince Fahd Street flyover, being carried out by the South Korean firm KLDC. "We want to give people a taste of every country," Hajara says.

Saudi Comment

By Talat Wafa
Al-Riyadh

A few days ago I attended a lecture on Saudi Arabian society. Soon enough the discussion revolved around the extent to which the society accepts development and how to handle and deal with the cost of change. What shall we do and what is the solution; are we to abandon civilization and progress?

Is it advisable, for example, to let wives work to increase the family income? Will husbands agree to that? Questions like that kept being asked, with emphasis on the fair of children if the wives went to work. This is a serious problem. We do not want to happen here. It could lead to the break up of the family system, as is the case in some Western societies.

Nonetheless, I do not say women should not work at all in certain areas of employment most suited to them. It might be quite useful if they were able to fill a few vacancies and at the same time adhered to our special traditions and customs.

By Saleh Muhammad Jamal

Al-Medina

I believe that the claims about the large numbers of foreign workers here are exaggerated. Not all those hired have joined the market. Some claims put the figure of those who were actually permitted to come at above two million people.

Certainly not all of them came here, nor have all those who arrived remained. Many have gone home, either because they did not like it here or because they found that the conditions of employment were gravely unfair. I have actually seen some contracts, and I quite agree with those who resent them.

The country still needs more foreign workers to help ease the shortage and bring down wages. High wages are doing a lot of harm to our economy, and raising the cost of production.

At the same time the rules and regulations governing recruitment of foreign workers should be made easier, because the present one office is simply unable to do the entire work efficiently. For this reason I have suggested that labor offices in every town should work closely with the head office in Riyadh. They can help a lot, since they belong to the particular areas where an applicant lives and works.

Another point is that the passport offices have orders not to allow certain categories of foreign personnel to bring their wives. This should not be the case because the presence of wives helps the husbands to settle down and encourages moral probity.

I do not believe the argument that foreign workers here who want to bring their wives are unable to support them. On the contrary, I am sure it is better for the country to have a well settled community of workers who know their jobs and the country, than to have a population of foreigners who change every other year.

Copenhagen paper reports

Denmark wins crude entitlement

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21 (Reuters) — Denmark has apparently secured a government-to-government agreement on oil entitlement from Saudi Arabia, involving the supply of 1 million tons of crude a year. A newspaper in Copenhagen reported Friday that Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Ahmed Zaki Yamani had told the Danish government Saudi Arabia was prepared to supply oil from Petromin to a subsidiary of the state-owned Danish Oil & Natural Gas Company. The commission of the Danish king, or parliament, was expected to give a go-ahead for

the agreement at a session later Friday, AP reported from Copenhagen.

The paper said one strict clause was attached to the Saudi Arabian offer, that the crude oil must be refined in Denmark and not sold on the world market or reach multinational oil companies.

Saudi Arabia reportedly agreed to a sale to Denmark of an initial 1 million tons of crude oil per year. No further information was given.

The Danish government can buy, but it has no control over any major refinery, but the supply, which would cover six per cent of consumption in Denmark, might well be distributed through a

minor, private oil company operating with growing success over the past few years under the name UNG-X.

Lack of facilities would automatically reduce the amount of directly imported Saudi Arabian oil Denmark could take, the paper predicted.

Turkish finance minister visits Riyadh Tuesday

RIYADH, Dec. 21 (SPA) — Turkish Minister of Finance Syed at Siakzin will arrive here today on an official visit of few days. He will hold talks with the Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Al-Khaili, SPA reported Friday.

Over the past year Saudi Arabia has become a significant prop to the Turkish economy. The Saudi aid for Development earlier this year made its largest single project of \$250 million to complete

works stopped by Turkey's cash difficulties. That agreement was signed when Sheikh Muhammad visited Ankara.

The SFD loan, which came close to the fund's upper limit for single borrowers of \$300 million, or 10 per cent of its capital, was planned to go on upgrading the railway system, a cotton mill, highway construction and a power plant based on lignite strip-mining in Afsin al-Bistan. In addition to that aid, Turkey has a \$50 million credit program it can disburse as it sees fit.

On industrial plants

Joint Gulf studies okayed

DOHA, Dec. 21 (SPA) — The Gulf Industrial Consultative Organization has approved studies on joint projects to build aluminum plant in Bahrain and a fiberglass factory. Its sixth session here Wednesday, the council approved industrial studies to be carried out in 1980. They include feasibility studies for joint petrochemical studies, perfume production, oil and gas exploitation and a project for manufacturing light bulbs.

Meanwhile, the fifth session of meetings of the govern-

ments of central banks and directors of monetary agencies in Arab Gulf states began Thursday.

The meeting is attended by governors of central banks and monetary agencies from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the UAE, Oman, Qatar, Iraq and Bahrain.

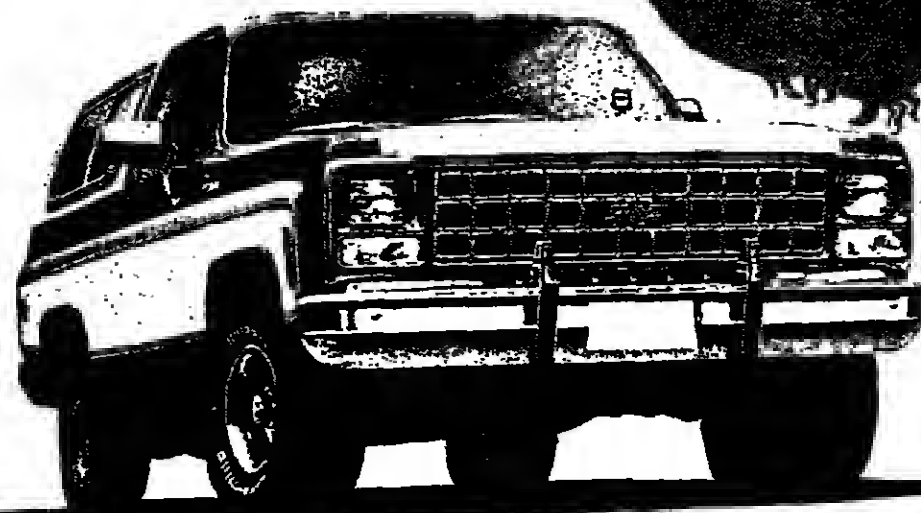
The director of the Bahrain Monetary Agency, Abdullah Hussein Seif, opened the meeting with a statement emphasizing the importance of collective work for continuity and development of revenue. The Gulf region plays a vital part in the world economy, he said.

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Syrians assure Lebanon over Iran volunteers

BEIRUT, Dec. 21 (AP) — Syria has assured Lebanon it could not allow Iranian volunteers across its border to join Palestinian commando bases in southern Lebanon to fight against Israel, foreign ministry sources said here Thursday.

The sources said the airlift of Iranian volunteers to Damascus is expected to come to end Friday with the arrival of a third batch that would bring their total

Iraq to buy 24 Mirage F1s from France

PARIS, Dec. 21 (AP) — Iraq has concluded a contract with France to buy 24 Mirage F1 warplanes, informed sources said Thursday.

They will be added to the 36 Mirage F1s Iraq purchased in 1977, the sources said.

The F1, capable of flying twice the speed of sound at a height of 50,000 feet, is used mainly as an interceptor.

Hoss lauds UNIFIL renewal

BEIRUT, Dec. 21 (R) — Lebanese Prime Minister Salim Hoss has welcomed the renewed mandate of a United Nations peace-keeping force (UNIFIL) in southern Lebanon, and said it was government's duty to restore authority in the area.

The U.N. Security Council Wednesday night extended the

Djibouti leader visiting Sanaa

SANAA, Dec. 21 (R) — Djibouti's President Hassan Gouled arrived here Thursday night for a ree-day official visit designed to develop relations with North Yemen.

Sanaa radio said the visitor and North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh would review military relations between the two countries and current Arab

to 200.

Forty flew to the Syrian capital Monday and 60 on Wednesday. They were taken to commando training camps south of Damascus, and in the mountains overlooking the Lebanese border.

Lebanon ordered its border checkpoints to prevent any Iranian volunteer from crossing in and formally asked the Syrian government of President Hafez Assad to help in keeping the Iranians away.

"Our contacts with Syria are positive," said Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Butros, who warned that the presence of Iranian volunteers in southern Lebanon would provide Israel with an excuse to mount a new military campaign against Palestinians.

Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization Yasser Arafat publicly has welcomed the volunteers, but privately, PLO officials say they are cooperating with Syria and Lebanon on the matter.

Syria has a 22,000-man army in Lebanon, policing a 37-month-old civil war armistice.

mandate of the 6,000-strong force for a further six months, until June 19 next year.

In a statement broadcast by the state-run Beirut radio Thursday, Hoss also expressed appreciation for U.N. efforts to end what he termed Israeli aggression in the volatile border region.

He said he welcomed the council's assertion of Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and its reaffirmation of the validity of the 1949 Lebanese-Israeli Armistice Agreement.

Hoss said his government should now take the necessary steps to ensure the full deployment of UNIFIL and the restoration of state authority in the south.

The U.N. force was established in March last year to supervise the withdrawal of Israeli troops occupying southern Lebanon, but Israeli-backed militias have refused to relinquish control of a strategic belt of border territory.



VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers of an Iranian force which plans to join up with Palestinian commandos against Israel saying goodbye to leader Sheikh Muhammad Montazeri at Tehran airport Monday. Forty volunteers flew to Damascus Monday and 60 Wednesday on their way to South Lebanon. However, Syria has assured Lebanon that it would not allow the volunteers to join the commandos in South Lebanon.

Sectarian unrest, economy top agenda Syria opens regional congress today

BEIRUT, Dec. 21 (R) — Syria's ruling Arab Baath Socialist Party starts a major policy-making conference in Damascus Saturday with the government of President Hafez Assad under persistent pressure from sectarian violence.

It will be the seventh regional congress of the party which has ruled Syria since 1963 and the first in four years.

The congress, to be attended by more than 750 elected officials, will appoint a new 21-member leadership for the coming four years and draw up a national program.

Over the past six months more than 120 people have died in sectarian conflict based on resentment of the dominant position of Syria's minority Alawite sect.

The government has blamed the extremist Muslim Brotherhood Organization for the unrest and has accused it of mounting a campaign of terror in Syria.

The government has also been censured over the economy and critics of the system in Syria have said that it has led to inequality and bred nepotism, patronage and corruption.

To counter these critics, Assad recently announced a vigorous anti-corruption campaign, but it is unclear how effective it has been. Two years ago a previous anti-

corruption drive came to an abrupt end when bombs exploded at the offices of the three Damascus newspapers which had criticized a new class of entrepreneur given to flaunting its wealth.

The government newspaper *Tishrin* said Thursday that there had been shortcomings in implementing the recommendations of the Sixth Party Congress.

In an editorial it underlined the importance of boosting the public sector of the economy and said the development of social services like schooling and health would be a major topic at the congress.

Airline chief says

El Al liquidation likely

TEL AVIV, Dec. 21 (AP) — Israeli Finance Minister Yigal Hurvitz met the director of El Al Thursday, amid speculation that the debt-ridden national airline might liquidate, the state radio reported.

In another development, Israel jacked electricity costs by 32 per cent, to cover higher fuel costs set by oil-producing countries.

Hurvitz was quoted as telling Avraham Shavit, who took over leadership of the ailing airline Nov. 13, "Let's be strong in what we have to do." Shavit has said that

The bloodiest challenge to the rule of Assad took place last June when about 60 cadets at the artillery school in the northern town of Aleppo were massacred. Most of them were Alawites.

The government blamed the Brotherhood for the killings and executed 15 alleged members in June 27. The Brotherhood, which is pledged to fight Western influence on Islam, denied involvement in the massacre.

In September serious unrest broke out in the port of Latakia and more than 20 persons were reported killed.

Shavit was hoping to enforce order in the airline's fractious labor relations, but his first attempt was an apparent failure.

Airline pilots refused Shavit's latest pay proposals, which included a cut in salaries, and threatened to strike if Shavit made any one-sided changes.

The future of the company is to be decided at a board meeting Saturday, according to the radio.

In protest at Hassan's 'hostile' stand Iran recalls diplomats from Morocco

TEHRAN, Dec. 21 (Agencies) — Iran has recalled its diplomats from Morocco in protest at King Hassan's "hostile" attitude toward the revolution, the foreign ministry announced.

The ministry complained Thursday that in a recent inter-

view with *Time* magazine Hassan said the United States could end the crisis over the occupation of the U.S. embassy in Tehran only by invading this country.

The announcement said only one staff member — understood to be a junior official — was at the

embassy in Morocco. Three days ago, two correspondents of *Time* were ordered to leave Iran.

The government said the magazine had done nothing but arouse hatred for this country among the American people.

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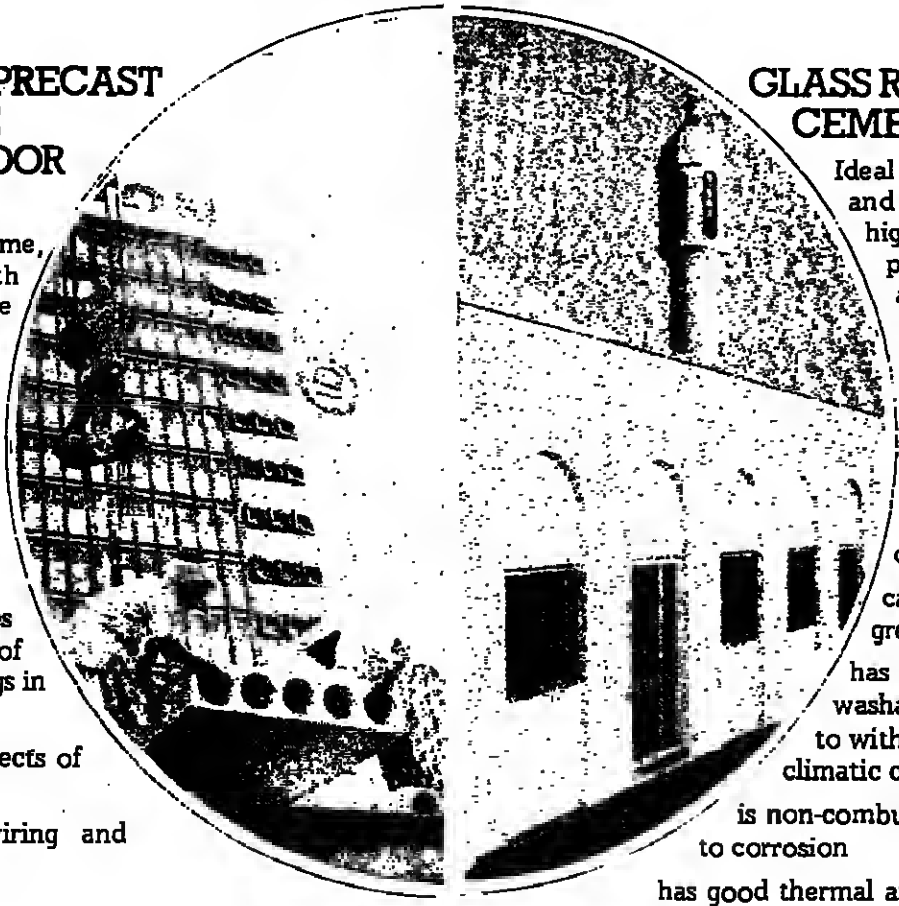
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First time for almost 28 years

India beats Pakistan in third Test

BOMBAY, Dec. 21 (R) — India swept to their first cricket victory over Pakistan for almost 28 years when they won the third Test by 131 runs with a day spare here Thursday.

The first two matches in the six-Test series were drawn, but India finally broke the deadlock after 17 wickets fell on the fourth day.

India, resuming 278 runs ahead with seven second innings wickets in hand, lost their remaining batsmen for 43 and were dismissed for 160. Pakistan, who needed 322 to win, were bowled out for 190.

Slow left arm spinner Iqbal Qasim gave Pakistan an outside chance of victory when he took five of the seven wickets which fell Thursday and finished with his best Test figures of six for 40.

However, Karan Ghavri, who took three for 42 with slow left arm spin, wrecked Pakistan's hopes. They were saved from a rout by a plucky 64 by Javed Miandad.

In Sydney, the West Indies' hopes of improving their position in the one-day triangular cricket tournament have been boosted by the fact that they will be at full strength for match due to be played Friday against Australia.

England lead with six points from three games in the competi-

tion and the West Indies are second with two points from a similar number of fixtures. Australia also have two points, but four matches.

Willie Rodriguez, the West Indies manager, said Thursday: "Tomorrow is our chance to jump into consideration for the final and catch up with England's con-

manding points lead."

The top two teams after a series of eight games will meet in the final, to be decided over a further three matches.

Rodriguez said all the West Indies were fit, including recent casualties, captain Clive Lloyd and top batsman Viree Richards.

Over next few days

United looks for improved form

LONDON, Dec. 21 — Manchester United, joint-leader of the English First Division standings, will be looking for improved form at the weekend as it chases its first championship since 1967.

Last season United had a disastrous few days at this time of year losing to Bolton, Liverpool and West Bromwich and conceding 11 goals in the process.

A similar slump over the 1979 season would see Liverpool move well clear in the title race, but United's program is a tougher one than 12 months ago.

Dave Sexton's team enters European champion Nottingham Forest this Saturday, travels to meet Liverpool on Boxing Day and then plays host to high-flying Arsenal next Saturday.

United scored an impressive 2-1 win at Coventry last weekend and will be looking for a similar effort against Forest, going through its worst spell since Brian Clough and Peter Taylor took charge.

The United-Forest match is one of just three First Division matches scheduled for Saturday afternoon. Most clubs elected to play on Friday night, thus leaving supporters free to do their shopping on Saturday.

Derby's match against League leader Liverpool and Everton's fixture against Manchester City are the only other First Division matches scheduled Saturday.

Second Division leader Newcastle will also be in action at Notts County, but the remaining matches will all be played Friday. All Scottish League games will be played Saturday.

Derby manager Colin Addison will need to lift his side after last weekend's 3-0 thrashing by Manchester City at Maine Road. Derby showed little fight in that match, and will need to display drastic improvement to threaten Liverpool, which cruised to a 3-0 win over Crystal Palace last Saturday.

Liverpool's performance against Palace was almost faultless, with David Johnson continu-

ing to show the improvement that has made him one of Britain's most dangerous strikers.

Johnson, scorer of the 13 goals this season, is the perfect foil for the skills of fellow-striker Kenny Dalglish.

Yet Johnson insists there is no particular reason for his improvement. "There is nothing different this season. It's just that now I'm getting an extended run in the team and everything I'm hitting is going in. That's football."

Everton's home game with Manchester City provides a fascinating clash between two clubs that have spent a lot of money with little tangible reward.

City's 3-0 win over Derby Saturday was achieved without imports Bragoslav Stepanovic and Kazim Deyna, but manager Malcolm Allison is still juggling to find the right combination.

Crystal Palace's home game against West Bromwich Albion is the pick of First Division games due to be played Friday.

Last Saturday's match at Anfield put the brakes on Palace's championship ambitions, but Liverpool's Ray Kennedy believes the south London club will still be in contention at the end of the season.

"Certainly they were disappointing against us, because they didn't play the standard of football they are capable of," said Kennedy, "but I wouldn't write them off as championship contenders. They are one of the best sides we have played."



VICTORY: Greg Chappell congratulates Geoff Dymock, and other Australian players, (from left) Bruce Laird, Kim Hughes and Ray Bright celebrate their Test victory over England in Perth this week.

Rosewall calls it a day

One of tennis' greats retires

SYDNEY, Dec. 21 (R) — He stood just five feet tall and weighed only 140 pounds, but Ken Rosewall retired from top flight tennis this week as one of the all-time giants.

The 45-year-old Australian decided to call it a day after an inglorious, 6-1, 6-2 defeat by compatriot Phil Deot in the first round of the New South Wales Open on Tuesday.

After the match the chastened little genius declared: "I think it's about time I turned my attention to things other than playing tennis. Next week's Australian Open will be my last major tournament. I've had enough."

He wanted to get more involved in the commercial side of the sport, "such as building court complexes and supervising training camps and clinics."

Rosewall was not alone in his decision, for another Australian stalwart of the world tennis scene, 34-year-old Tony Roche, announced the following day that he, too, was quitting the big events.

Rosewall made his last appearance in the final in 1954, at the age of 39, when he came up against Jimmy Connors of the United States.

In an emotion-charged final,

with the crowd sensing that this was Rosewall's last chance Connors handed him a rare hiding, winning 6-1, 6-1, 6-4.

Although the Wimbledon title eluded Rosewall, he is undeniably one of the greatest players the game has produced.

Possessing one of the most feared backhands of all time, Rosewall excelled in an era full of great players. But the boy from Sydney, who earned the nickname "Muscles" back in the early fifties because of his slight frame, was never overshadowed.

At the time he entered tennis the sport boasted such names as Pancho Gonzales, Hoad, Roy Emerson, Fred Stolle and Neale Fraser.

Rosewall outplayed and outlasted them, and by 1960 was ranked Number One in the world. He reigned supreme for the next five years, until fellow Australian Rod Laver, arguably the greatest player ever, assumed command.

But Rosewall was always at or near the top, winning tournaments and slinging home the message that he was far from finished. He maintained his inexorable momentum through the early seventies.

His superb physical fitness was

owing to a Spartan training program.

Loog distance running, hours practising at the net, no smoking, no drinking, no late nights were the commanders by which Rosewall lived.

After his defeat by Connors in 1974, Rosewall began slowing the tempo of his professional work in order to spend more time with his wife, and sons Brett, 20, and Glen, 18.

37 countries to compete in Lake Placid Games

LAKE PLACID, New York, Dec. 21 (R) — A total of 37 countries are expected to take part in the 1980 Winter Olympic Games here, but for the first time since 1964 Iran will not be represented, the organizers have announced.

Saudi Arabia will again not be taking part.

The Lake Placid Olympic Organizing Committee said in a statement that as the Iranian Olympic Committee is no longer recognized by the International Olympic Committee, its athletes may not compete.

Iran took part in the last three Winter Olympics.

Knoetze comes out fighting

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 21 (AP) — South African heavyweight Kallie Knoetze, sporting a patched left eye and a "very sore mouth," says he's "no longer fighting for South Africa. I owe South Africa nothing."

In a newspaper interview Friday Knoetze, who was knocked out in the 10th and final round of his fight against American Mike Koranicki Wednesday night, says "people expect me to be a big celebrity and to do things for charity, but every time I do I lose about three days' training."

"And then, when I lose a fight, everyone is mad at me. Well, from now on, I'm fighting for myself only. I owe it to my wife and my son."

Knoetze was taken to Groote Schuur Hospital for treatment after the fight. He had two stitches in his mouth and his eye bandaged, but he was not suffering any other ill effects.

His trainer, Billy Lotter, had told him he should not give up because of the defeat.

"I'll have at least three or four big fights and at least another year in boxing before I retire. Right now I'm going to relax with my wife and son. I am going to face the world. I don't believe in hiding because I have lost."

Cream pies or not

Clippers defeat Knicks

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 21 (AP) — They served cream pie in San Diego, but New York Knicks coach Red Holzman was in no mood for pudding.

"I've never seen anything like this before," Holzman said as he surveyed the remains of one of sports' more doubtful promotions, a halftime pie-throwing contest that delayed the start of the second half of the Knicks-Clippers game for about 50 minutes.

The Clippers went on to win 128-118. With the Clippers leading 62-58 after two periods, the possibility of a forfeit arose as crews of ballboys with towels tried to clean up the remains of the 60 cream pies that were tossed at a local television sportscaster in the halftime spectacle. The pie filling made a mass

of the playing surface.

"The referees feel that they have to try to play," said Holzman. "It's not my responsibility. I didn't throw those pies."

When play finally resumed, the Clippers went on to beat the Knicks on 32 points by Lloyd Free and 24 points and 17 rebounds by Sean Nater, offsetting a pro high 37 points by Bill Cartwright, New York's rookie center.

The game was tight until the final eight minutes, when the Clippers outscored the Knicks 27-16 to pull away.

In other NBA games Thursday night, the Milwaukee Bucks beat the Kansas City Kings 120-109 and the Atlanta Hawks topped the Detroit Pistons 122-103.

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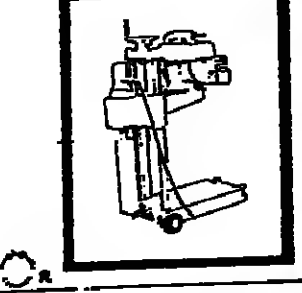
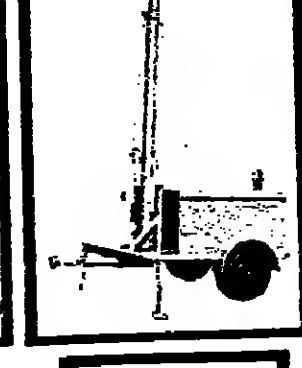
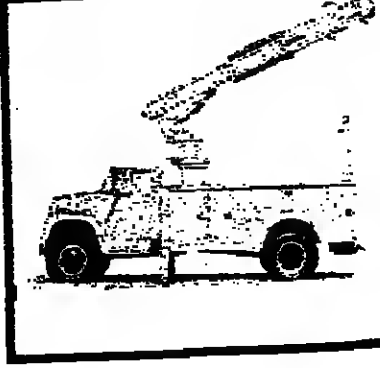
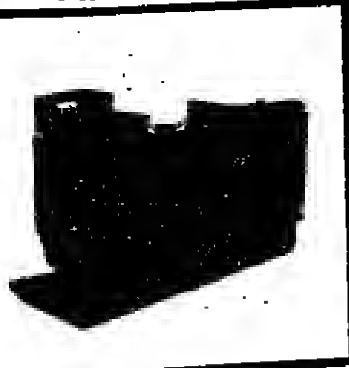
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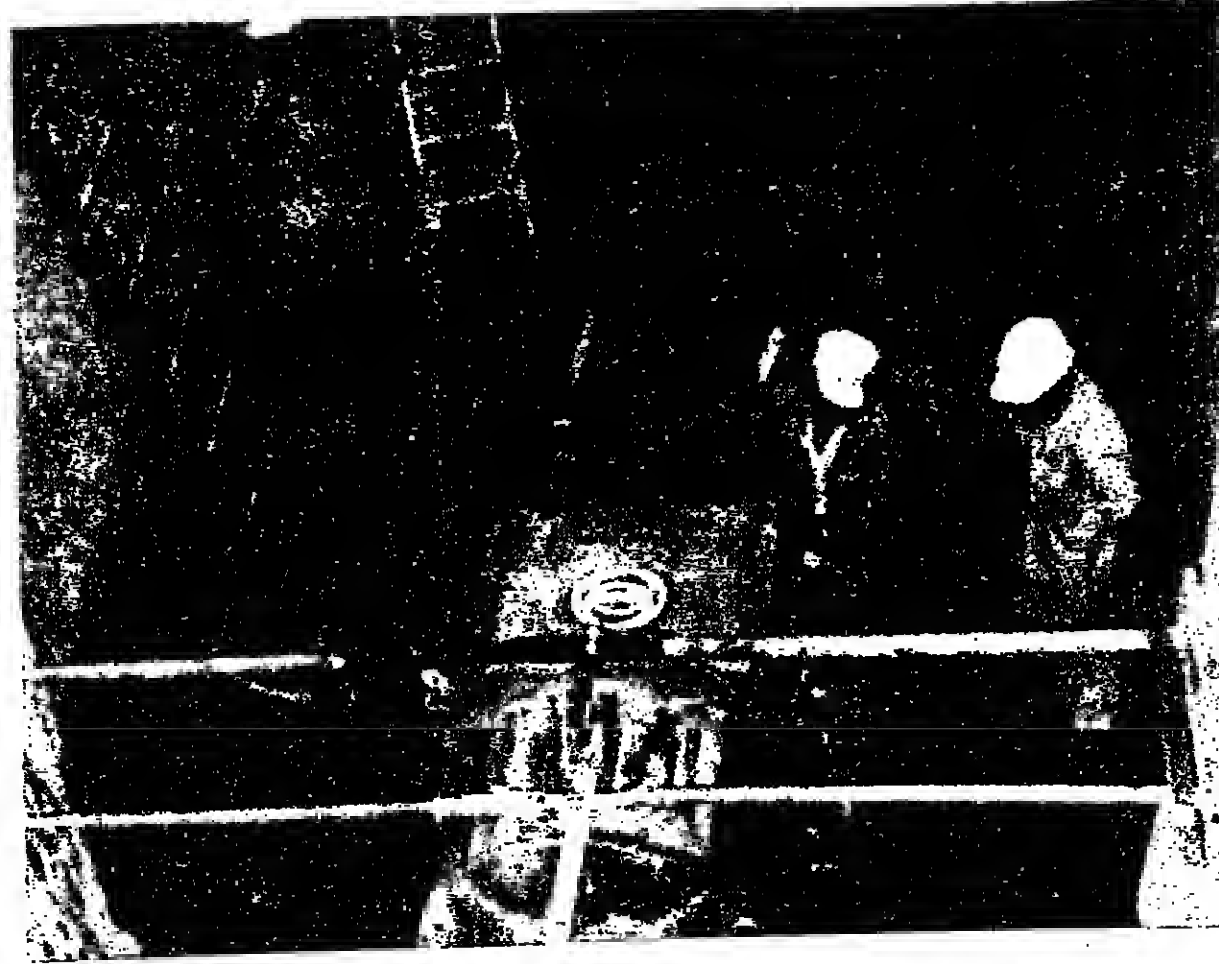
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The contradictory statements emanating from Tehran, on its intentions regarding the American hostages held at the U.S. embassy, appear to be causing the American administration to fear the worst, so that a marked shift towards a harder line in handling the crisis has become visible.

President Carter has turned once more to the United States, hoping to obtain international economic sanctions against Iran. But such a measure, assuming the United States will be persuaded to take it, is not expected to have a ratifying effect. And the indications in any case are that the U.S. administration, although opposed in principle to Iran's move over the hostages, feel that sanctions will have the opposite of the desired end.

More direct means of applying economic pressure would be for the Western states to follow the Americans in freezing Iranian financial assets. This would be a severe blow to the Iranian economy. But here again, the governments concerned do not act, even though they would like to help the United States in its predicament. For they would be hard put to find a basis for their action.

The Americans nevertheless persist in their efforts, despite slim chances they see for success. One of the reasons for this is to preempt any charges later, if and when harsher moves were taken, that they have not exhausted all available peaceful means of pressure.

One of the most direct means of economic pressure would be a blockade of Iranian trade. But this would be tantamount to an act of war, whether the two sides actually come to blows or not. Its implementation would jeopardize the safety of the hostages — it might precipitate precisely that catastrophe the action was required to prevent.

Week ago, the danger of an armed confrontation seemed remote. Now, with the American Administration worrying the confused responses from Iran, it is only distant.

Recent American military preparations, on the other hand, might be an end and not a means — a way of increasing pressure on Iran rather than a sign of the American side giving itself to the vast risks of armed conflict in this most delicate area for the world economy and world peace.



ARAB NEWS-JEDDAH

A look at the past decade of worldwide troubles

By Ronald Batchelor and Bill Hartley

LONDON —

Economic recession, the spread of terrorism, and turbulence and revolution in the Middle East, etched indelible marks on the world of the seventies.

It was a somber, in many lands savage, decade in which uncertainty, confusion and fear cast long shadows over the future.

There was growing awareness that the affluence of the industrial West was ebbing and that the clamor for a greater share of political and economic power among the world's poorer and most populous nations would echo with even greater force during the last two decades of the century.

As the seventies ended the focus of attention for much of the world was the Middle East where the resurgence of the Islamic faith ignited fervor and aspirations among the world's 600 million Muslims from Morocco to Indonesia.

At its center stood the bearded figure of Ayatollah Khomeini, the 79-year-old religious patriarch who established a puritanical theocracy in Iran after revolution crushed the autocratic monarchy of the Shah.

The Ayatollah, who wielded immense power in a land which supplied almost a fifth of total oil exports to the world, quickly became locked into confrontation with the United States when radical students invaded the American embassy in Tehran and held 50 Americans hostage.

Despite diplomatic and legal efforts by President Jimmy Carter at the United Nations and the World Court at the Hague the hostages remained captive under the threat of being brought to trial accused of spying.

Carter refused Iranian demands to hand over for trial in Iran the ailing Shah who underwent cancer treatment in New York before moving to uneasy exile in Panama.

To the Ayatollah the U.S. was the symbol of Western decadence and godlessness and the country whose power had maintained the Shah on his throne for 37 years.

Iran's revolution, threatening oil supplies to the U.S. and other Western industrial nations added to fears of a worldwide depression engendered by steep rises in oil prices which by the end of the decade had jumped more than twelve-fold since 1974 when the major oil exporting states (OPEC) stunned the world by quadrupling prices.

Oil costs, growing unemployment and soaring inflation spelled economic decline and spread dismay among many political leaders and governments whose people were having to contend with rising crime rates, terrorist attacks and the problems of

life in a world about half of whose ever-growing population was under 25 years of age.

Asia and Africa — one the most populous, the other the poorest continent in the world — bore the brunt of war and poverty.

For the fourth time since Israel's birth in 1948 Jews and Arabs took up arms against each other in a war that began when Egypt and Syria launched simultaneous attacks on October 6, 1973.

The 18-day war ended with Israel regaining all the territory lost in the first surprise attacks, but with its confidence in its military supremacy deeply shaken.

It was that war which led to the oil crisis.

The Arab oil-producing states imposed an embargo on oil exports to the West whose industries, homes and transportation systems were dependent on a continuing flow of the fuel.

The embargo was lifted, but was swiftly followed by OPEC's decision to lift prices fourfold in 1974 and a series of increases since then. The major oil producers failed to agree on the extent of further price rises at their meeting in Caracas, Venezuela, in December this year, opening the gates for even more expensive oil in the 1980's.

The era of cheap energy had ended. Most experts forecast that world energy demand will have outstripped supply in five years time and that the end of the century will mark the beginning of the end for oil.

By the end of the decade the search had intensified for alternatives. The scare caused by a radioactive leak at a nuclear-power plant at Three Mile Island, near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in March, 1979, heightened fears about the hazards of nuclear energy plants, still lacking guaranteed safeguards. Nuclear energy development was slowed, but appeared inevitable as oil prices zoomed and supplies dwindled.

Hopes of peace between Arabs and Jews rose, only to prove illusory, when Egypt's President Anwar Sadat, who took power after Gamal Abdul Nasser died of a heart attack in September 1970, flew to Jerusalem in November, 1977 to meet Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

A peace agreement was finally hammered out after tortuous negotiations directed by President Carter at his Camp David mountain retreat in Maryland. It was signed in March, 1979, ending more than 30 years of war between the two countries.

But, the Arab world reacted angrily. Every state, except Sudan and Oman, severed diplomatic and economic ties with Egypt.

The seventies seeped away without any solid sign that the core of Arab-Israeli enmity — the Palestinian problem — was nearer solution.

Begin and his government adamantly opposed the establishment of a Palestinian state for the more than three million people living outside and within Israeli-occupied territory — the people who were forced away from their homeland in 1948 and their descendants.

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) led by Yasser Arafat by the late seventies had become an increasingly influential and powerful organization whose demands for a Palestine homeland were gaining increasing international support.

The Middle East was torn by continuing turmoil, highlighted by:

— Civil war in Lebanon — the bloodiest Middle East conflict of the decade which claimed 60,000 lives — in which mainly Muslims and Palestinians fought right-wing Christian militia. The war devastated Beirut, long known as the "Paris of the Middle East," and ravaged and exhausted the whole country.

— The Israeli invasion of South Lebanon in March, 1978, aimed at eliminating Palestinian command bases.

— An attack by religious extremists on Islam's holiest shrine, the Grand Mosque at Mecca, on November 20, 1979, the first day of the Islamic 15th century.

But, the incident that shook the world to the realization of the bitterness that has engulfed the Palestinian issue was the Black September commando strike against Israeli athletes in the Olympic village in Munich on September 5, 1972, during the 20th Olympiad.

More than 3,000 miles away the long and savage Vietnam war finally ended in April, 1975, when Communist forces marched into Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City).

But, a deadly struggle continued in Indochina, where the United States sustained heavy blows to its power and prestige, by its Vietnam involvement. It cost horror across the region.

Neighboring Cambodia became a charnel house as Khmer Rouge forces, led by Pol Pot and imbued with a pitiless Marxist-style philosophy, forced a mass evacuation of its capital, Phnom Penh, and other towns to the countryside.

By the end of the decade more than two million Cambodians were estimated to have perished — shot, starved or beaten. Cambodia's remaining population of four million was left struggling to survive gnawing hunger despite massive help from international aid agencies.

The once-happy, dreaming land that had suffered under mass American bombing from the air during the final stages of the Vietnam conflict was gripped by terror unleashed by the Peking-backed Pol Pot government.

Then, in 1978 came invasion by Vietnam. Pol Pot was forced to flee. In his stead a new leader, Heng Samrin, backed by Hanoi and Moscow, took power early in 1979.

Tens of thousands of sick and starving refugees streamed across the Thailand border seeking sanctuary.

Communism's two giants — the Soviet Union and China — remained locked in mutual antagonism.

At the beginning of the decade talks were opened in Peking aimed at solving border problems which had burst into bitter fighting in 1969 along the frontier river Ussuri.

Ten years later the talks were still continuing, intermittently and with no obvious result.

Moscow briefly halted its polemics against China with the death of Mao Tse tung in 1976, but quickly resumed them when China's new leadership — Communist Party Chairman Hua Guofeng and Vice-Chairman Deng Xiaoping — failed to respond to that seeming overture for a closer understanding.

In 1979 China renounced its friendship treaty with Russia. This led to more discussions in Moscow after Peking simultaneously proposed discussions on normalizing the tense relationship between the two countries.

There was no apparent progress and officials of both sides predicted talks could continue well into the 1980's.

But, the seventies was the decade in which the Soviet Union sought what it called detente with its super-power rival, the United States.

Although the two countries successfully concluded two strategic arms limitation talks (SALT I and SALT II, the latter still to be ratified by the U.S. Senate, and other agreements committing them to cooperation over a gamut of issues, the end of the decade brought no nearer a firm and lasting understanding between the two powers except for the acknowledgement that their immense nuclear arsenals — capable of extinguishing all life on earth — could not be used to control the wars and conflicts between smaller powers.

While the Soviet Union's leadership — President Leonid Brezhnev and Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin — remained in control at the Kremlin — the United States saw two swift changes, one of them traumatic, in the White House.

For the first time in history an American president — Richard Nixon — was forced to resign in disgrace. He left the office he had so long sought and finally won in 1968 on August 9, 1974 after winning a second term 21 months earlier with the biggest-ever majority of electoral votes in his country's history.

saudi press review

and newspapers mostly and the National Guard on celebrations describing an "eternal day in the annals of the National Saudi armed forces entire people of Saudi Arabia."

The paper said that the National Guard's role was a clear testimony to the great concern for the people and the

attaching on the graduation of the National Guard joint armed division.

King Khaled's patronage and the significance of this which has taken place in the National Guard's heroic encounter with the armed forces of Haram in Mecca.

per praised the fighting of the Saudi soldier and said that the prowess of the

armed forces, the National Guard and the Public Security personnel would always prove to be a shield to protect the country's progress and advancement." Besides, the paper asserted, "royal patronage, will continue to provide a strong spur to all-out development and progress of the country."

Al-Madina said editorially that "reinforcement of the military power in the Kingdom gives delight to those who remain anxious for the glory of Islam and Arabism." It added that there was no country or group in this age that did not want power to defend itself from those who show hostility to its principles and objectives.

The paper felt proud that Saudi Arabia had an army that was equipped with modern weapons but added that these were not intended to frighten the world but to throw back those who attempted to commit aggression.

Dwelling on the National Guard's graduation ceremony, Okaz said

that the loyalty of the armed forces to their leadership was only an extension of the people's loyalty to their leaders. "Everyone is strongly linked to the other in this country in the bonds of mutual love and is keen to protect the achievements whose only aim is to make the Saudi Arabian a prominent place among the world society."

The paper said that the leadership's strong desire to develop the armed forces actually aimed at achieving further progress and prosperity for the country. "In modernizing its armed forces, the Kingdom has given due consideration to its responsibility toward the protection of the faith to which the country and the people have remained attached since the dawn of Islam," the paper said. "The King's meeting with the army was symbolic of the mutual confidence and strong cohesion being so characteristic of this country," it added.

On the same subject again, Al-Nadwa said that King Khaled's patronage of the celebrations "reaffirmed the great love and concern of the leader for all his people. The royalty's meeting with the army, only a little while after the purging of the Holy Mosque from the hands of armed renegades, gave a reassuring proof that there was a firm determination to build the fighting capability of the army, so that it is always in a position to challenge anyone who is tempted to play with the peace and security of the country," the paper said.

Al-Bilad described the National Guard graduation celebrations as an addition of a new chapter to self-building. In a reference to Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan's statement on the Gulf's rejection of any interference in its internal affairs, the paper said "Prince Sultan's declaration highlighted the significance of building a force

of which we can be proud as an army of faith and belief that will provide a strong defense to right and the country's stability. It was a matter of joy and pride that the Gulf was one of the most secure and stable regions of the world."

Al-Riyadh devoted its editorial to the Caracas meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) saying that the new element in this conference was a near-accord of the participants on exposing the game of prices in the spot market in Rotterdam. In a reference to foreign propaganda against the oil-exporting countries, the paper asked "whether it would be prudent to believe that these countries would gain anything from a collapse in the world economy? They will get nothing if the ghost of hunger and poverty brought further miseries to the world," said the paper, adding that any blame on the oil-exporting countries would be far from reality.



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How to picnic in the desert

By Clare Kent

DDAH — The cooler weather has come again. This time it is pleasant to be outdoors as much as possible. Eating out is a past-time that many people only venture as far as their own back yards. Others take the side-walks and grassy areas of the roads. The more adventurous make for the beach or desert.

Year round in Saudi Arabia shawarma stands and the chicken shops do a good business. The shawarma stands are beginning to invade the embassies in Jeddah, a welcome sight at National Day receptions.

Shawarma is made of or in some places veal. The meat is cut into slices about one thick and seven inches in length. It is marinated in lemon oil and spices, then threaded

onto a vertical spit with spieces of fat between. As the spit rotates over the charcoal, the outside meat cooks and this is then cut off and served in bread with salad.

Outdoor feasts are a tradition of hospitality in the Arab world. The queen on her recent visit to Saudi Arabia, was entertained at a dinner in the desert. The Saudi speciality of stuffed baby kid, or lamb, cooked charcoal, was served. Although it was just one of a hundred different dishes at this particular feast, it is a traditional

dish that appears at every feast, however humble, served on a mountain of rice and decorated with hard-boiled eggs.

Meshwi, is an Arabic word which describes any sort of meat cooked over an open fire. Although in the West beef is the form of steaks or kebabs is more often used for barbecuing, lamb is more usual here. Lamb cutlets and chops, take on a delicious flavor cooked over charcoal. Leg of Lamb is ideal for spit roasting if whole baby lamb is too much to

cope with, and shoulder or leg cubed and threaded on skewers, with onion and tomatoes, make excellent kebabs.

Simple barbecue stoves can be found in the soup. Charcoal too can be bought there. It is cheaper than the bags seen in supermarkets.

Barbecues can also be improved by perching an oven shelf over rocks or cement blocks. For a traditional sized feast dig a pit in the sand for the charcoal and fix up a strong pole for the spit.



Kharouf Mahshi

15-18 lb. baby lamb
1/2 cup ground coriander
1/2 cup ground ginger
1/2 cup black pepper
1/2 cup 1-2 onions.

Stuffing.

1/2 cup long grain rice
1/2 cup saffron (optional)
1/2 cup onions, cooped
1/2 cup oil

1/2 lb. almonds, chopped
1/2 lb. pistachio nuts, chopped
1/2 lb. seedless raisins
1/2 cup black pepper.

Garnish

1/2 cup parsley

1/2 cup hard-boiled eggs, sliced

1/2 cup large onions, thinly sliced.

1/2 cup k the butcher to prepare the

1/2 cup kine the meat inside and

1/2 cup md dry. Rub inside and out

1/2 cup the seasonings and onion

1/2 cup . Set aside while preparing

1/2 cup stuffing.

1/2 cup make the stuffing: boil the

1/2 cup until tender, adding a little

1/2 cup m. Drain well. Sauté the

1/2 cup ped onions in the oil until

1/2 cup parent. Add them to the

1/2 cup ed rice and mix well with the

1/2 cup and raisins. Season to taste.

1/2 cup tiff the lamb tightly and sew

1/2 cup openings with strong thread.

1/2 cup 2 over charcoal for about 2

1/2 cup s. basting and turning fre-

1/2 cup tly. Or roast in the oven at

1/2 cup F. for 1 1/2-2 hours.

1/2 cup rve on a large tray sur-

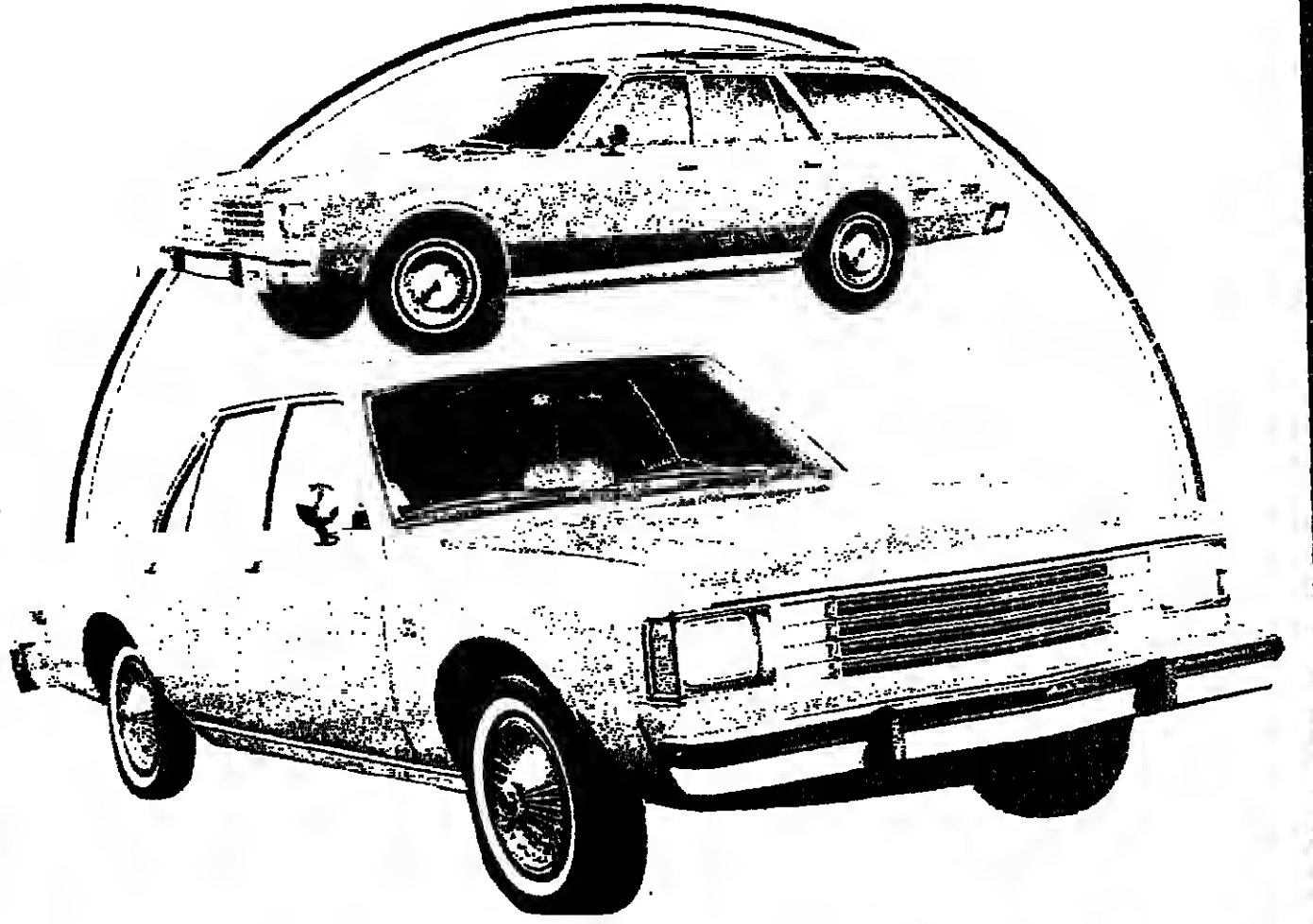
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1/2 cup the way as the stuffing, and

1/2 cup rate with parsley and sliced

1/2 cup and onions. Serves 18-20.

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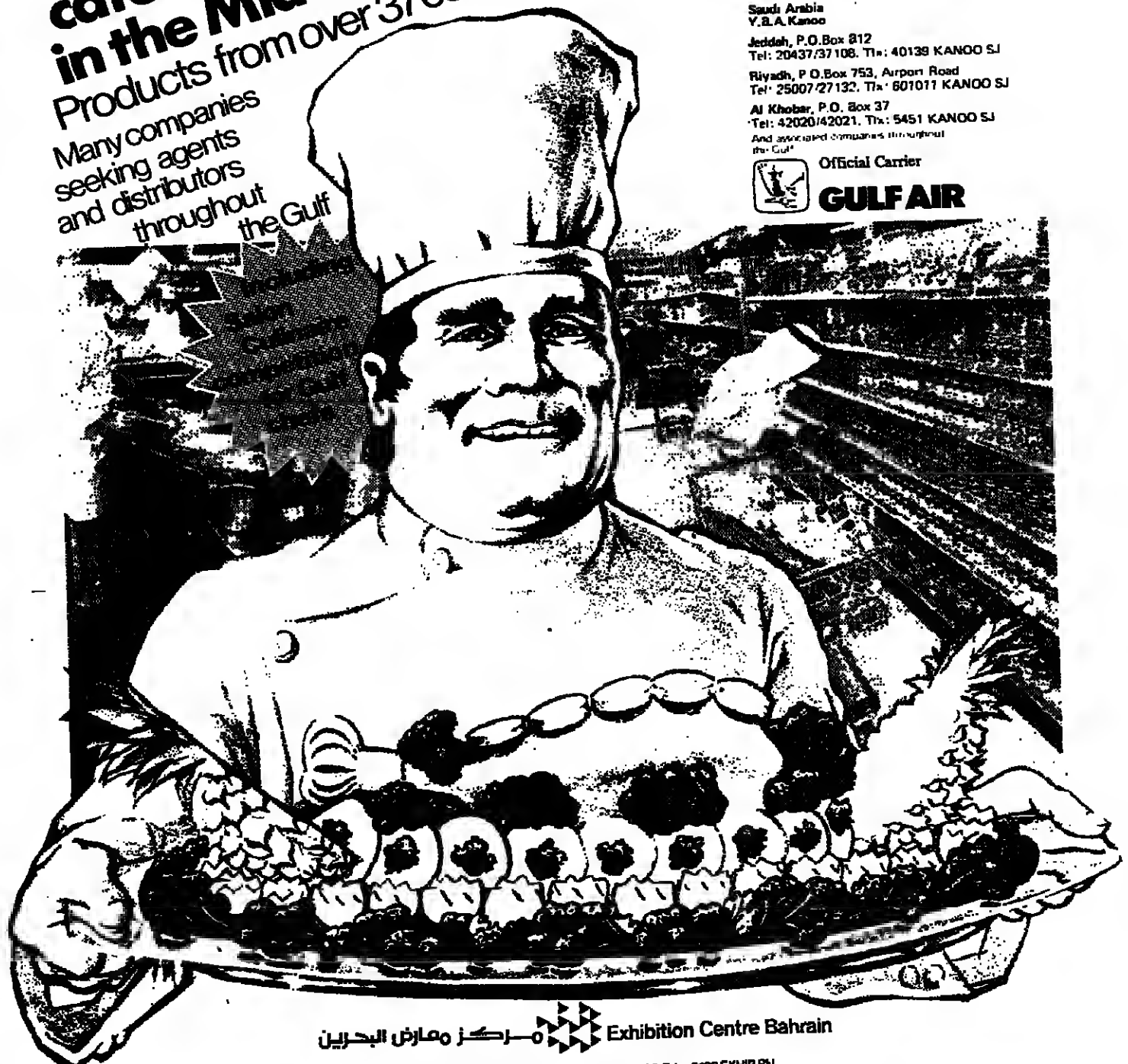
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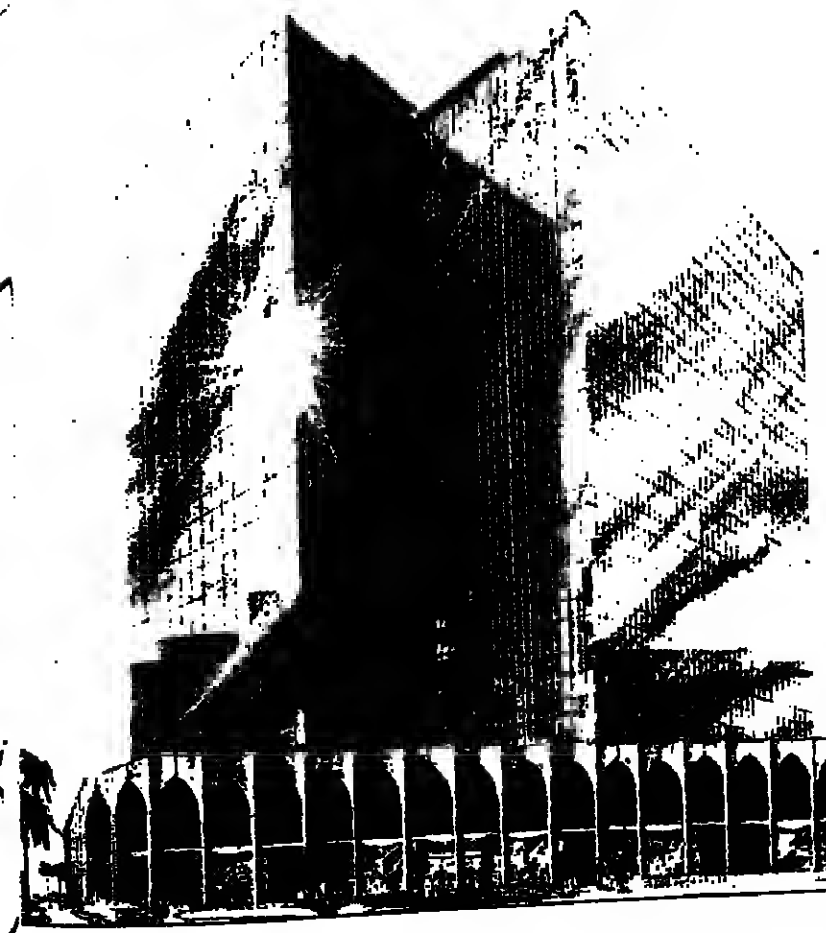
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Inauguration speech

Choi promises presidential vote

SEOUL, Dec. 21 (R) — South Koreans Friday looked forward to their first direct presidential elections in a decade after President Choi Kyu-hai's announcement that the country's undemocratic constitution would be rewritten in about a year.

"It is my hope that subsequent necessary steps will then be taken steadily and fair elections held as early as possible," the president said at his inauguration, Friday.

He was chosen by indirect election Dec. 6.

It was understood that the United States was satisfied with the presidential speech.

This was because Choi said his plans to bring democracy to South Korea, made before the army leadership was overthrown by young officers last week, remain unchanged.

The United States had warned South Korea that political liberalization must continue.

Political sources said the president's Democratic Republican

Party (DRP) was planning for an election in the first half of 1981, exactly 10 years after the last direct poll.

The then president Park Chung-hee was almost defeated by Kim Dae-jung, now a prominent dissident just released from house arrest, and rewrote the constitution a year later to bring in indirect election by a government-packed electoral college.

Choi, who assumed the country's highest office after Park was murdered Oct. 26, has said he will step down after changing the constitution so that the people can vote for a new leader.

But the opposition New Democratic Party (NDP), which wants elections by next August, boycotted the inauguration Friday. Later its chief, Kim Young-sam, said that a year was too long to wait for constitutional revision.

Choi, who referred to his administration as a "crisis management government," warned

South Koreans against "internal confrontation and schism and ensuing disorder and chaos."

This was taken as a reference to divisions within the 600,000-man army after the arrest of senior commanders last week.

Choi, inaugurated at a ceremony attended by about 3,000 dignitaries, said that the country must proceed prudently because of the presence of a hostile and powerful government to the north and because of South Korea's history of political change by violent means.

"We have failed to effect even one peaceful transfer of government," since the country's first constitution, 1948, he said.

Choi, a 60-year-old career bureaucrat, was prime minister in the last administration.

The United States, South Korea's principal ally, is concerned about the rebellion by generals who sent troops and tanks into Seoul last week to arrest senior military officers.



President Choi

Paris paper charged with tax bills theft

PARIS, Dec. 21 (AP) — The director and the editor in chief of the French weekly *Le Canard Enchaîné* have been charged with illegally possessing the tax returns of President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and aircraft magnate Marcel Dassault.

They were charged by magistrate Emile Cabie Thursday with "receipt of stolen administrative documents."

The weekly, which combines satire and investigative reporting, published Giscard's tax returns last June. It said the president paid all his taxes, but attacked him for allegedly trading on the stock exchange.

Giscard reiterated recently that, unlike his predecessors Charles de Gaulle and Georges Pompidou, he would never sue newspapers that attacked him. French law forbids the media to insult the president.

Czech court turns down jailed dissidents' appeals

PRAGUE, Dec. 21 (R) — The Czech Supreme Court Friday rejected appeals by six dissidents against jail sentences handed down last October in a trial that caused an outcry in the West, informed sources said.

Mrs. Gandhi accused of getting campaign funds from foreigners

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (Agencies) — The Janta Party has charged ex-Premier Indira Gandhi with receiving large sums of money from unknown foreign sources for the January elections.

Mrs. Gandhi's Congress (I) Party has denied the charges as "ridiculous."

Janta General Secretary Surendra Mohan told reporters Wednesday the public must take note of reports that millions of India rupees had been bought in Switzerland since the elections were announced.

Mrs. Vijay Raje Scindia, Mrs. Gandhi's Janata opponent in the northern Rae Bareilly constituency, earlier questioned the source of money being spent on the Congress (I) Party candidates throughout the country.

The Soviet Union and the United States have been accused of passing money on to favored parties in previous Indian elections.

On Friday, the Indian government was given leave to appeal to the supreme court against a high court verdict quashing court proceedings against Mrs. Gandhi for refusing to testify before an official inquiry commission.

Permission was granted by high court Judge T.P.S. Chawla who Thursday ruled that the commission had overstepped its authority in probing some of the alleged offences during Mrs. Gandhi's emergency rule.

Charges against the former

premier for twice refusing to testify before the one-man commission were filed in a magistrate's court. But the trial was stayed last year after Mrs. Gandhi petitioned the high court.

Curfew clamped on Indian town after riot kills 1

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (AP) — Indian army troops have been placed on alert and shoot on sight orders issued in Shillong, northeastern India, after one person was killed and at least 71 were injured in a riot, the United News of India reports.

The move was described Thursday as a "precautionary measure" by Chief Minister Ramesh Chandra, who told reporters in Shillong, the capital of Meghalaya State, that curfew was ordered after the disturbances.

The commission, which was set up by the former Janata government, indicted Mrs. Gandhi last year for abuse of authority and for ordering the illegal arrest of respected citizens during her 21-month emergency rule of 1975.

The former premier has been telling election meetings across the country that she and her family had been persecuted by the present caretaker administration and the Janata government, which ruled India for 28 months until last July.

Deraj Urs, president of the rival Congress Party, told reporters that the court's verdict in Mrs. Gandhi's favor would not affect the prospects of her opponents in the election.

Mrs. Gandhi, a front runner in the election campaign, did not appear in court.

In acquitting Mrs. Gandhi, Chawla said Thursday "It would



Indira Gandhi

be a mere waste of public time and money to allow the prosecution to continue. It seems clear to me that Mrs. Gandhi cannot possibly be found guilty."

Cases begun under her successor, Morarji Desai, and continued by the present caretaker prime minister include:

— Ordering political opponents arrested.

— Pressuring Indian firms to supply jeeps for her unsuccessful 1977 election campaign.

— Giving false information when registering as a voter in South India.

House okays refugee law

U.S. may increase immigration quota

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP) — The U.S. House of Representatives has voted to revise immigration laws to increase to 50,000 the number of refugees that may be admitted to the United States in a year.

It would also provide government funds for their resettlement, including cash, medical assistance and education.

The bill, passed Thursday 328 to 47, will go to conference with the Senate, which earlier passed revisions to the U.S. immigration laws.

The House-approved legislation would also permit the president, in consultation with the congressional judiciary committees, to allow in even more than 50,000 refugees in the event of an emergency situation elsewhere.

Also, it establishes a new office

of refugee resettlement within the department of health, education and welfare to provide resettlement assistance to the refugees.

The assistance programs are now scattered throughout the government bureaucracy.

Since World War II, the admission of refugees has been made under a series of ad hoc legislative and administrative authorizations.

The bill defines a refugee as a person from any nation who cannot live at home because of persecution due to race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion.

It would increase the total number of refugees and immigrants allowed to enter the country annually from 290,000 to 320,000, of which 50,000 may be admitted as refugees.

Meanwhile, a relief organization official reported that Cambodians are getting food in spite of problems like primitive roads, bridges and a shortage of trucks for distribution in the countryside.

W. Stanley Mooneyham, president of World Vision International, said Thursday that foreign leaders should not draw hasty conclusions about the food supplies on the basis of misinformation about conditions in Cambodia.

"It doesn't help the people of Cambodia," when world leaders judge or accuse the Heng Samrin government or the Vietnamese of deliberate delay "in the distribution, which is not true," said Mooneyham, who heads the U.S.-based relief organization. He returned from Cambodia Wednesday night.

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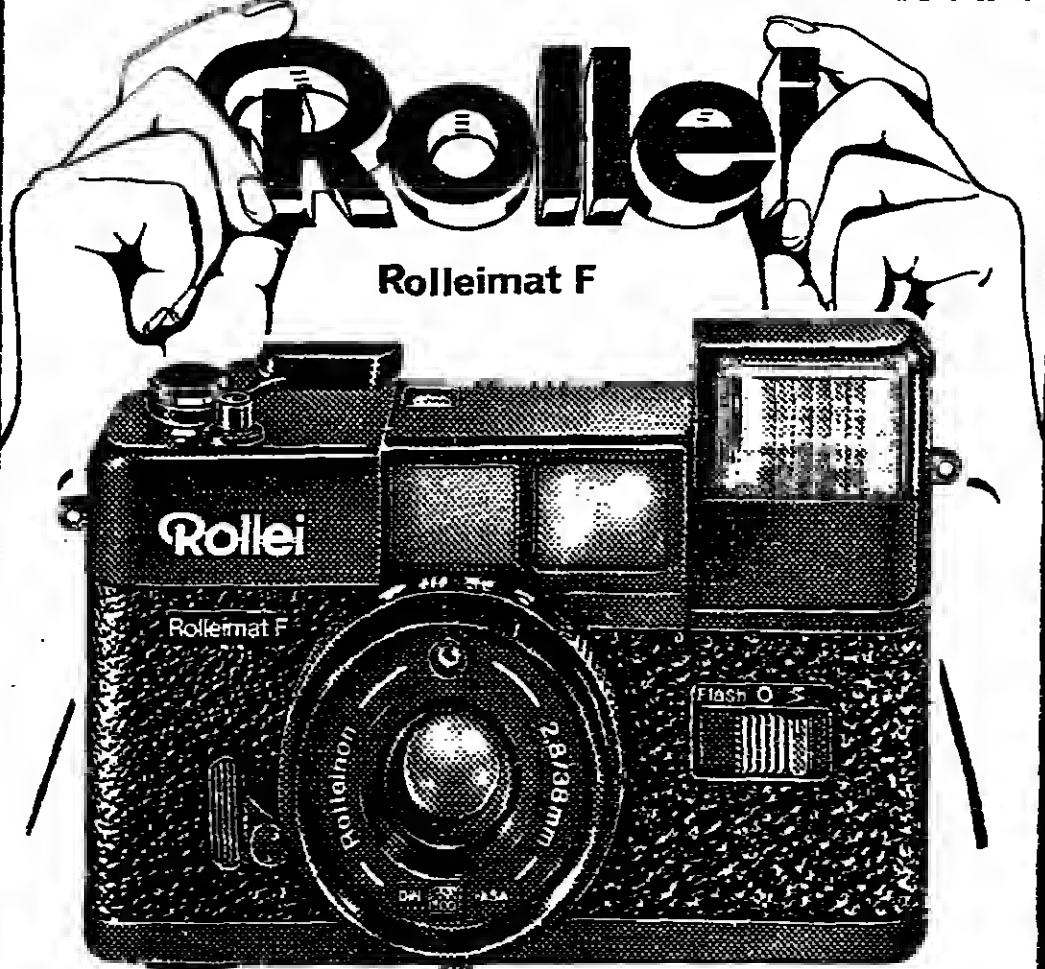
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in the highlands of Wasab

Story and photos by
By ROSALIND WADE

WASAB AL-ALI—Ever since savants of the last century and interested in ancient Arabian civilizations, they concentrated on areas in the of present day North Yemen; central highlands and south-east and present-day South Yemen. In these is large archaeological sites in evidence. Marib, Ma'in, al-Qish, Ma'sal, Zafar Yarim, Ja, Shabwa, Timna, to name a few, and some 7,000 inscriptions have been found. If you put these known sites on a map you an astonishing gap on the west of the country, both in the mountainous areas and in the (coastal plain). Yet the, Zebid and Hodeidah have

ancient Himyaritic foundations and are well documented in inscriptions. After the first century B.C. the constant threat of invasion from the other side of the Red Sea was usually checked to the Tihama, which surely indicates a permanent military presence in the west, if not urban settlement. Today the western highlands are intensively cultivated and densely populated, and there is no reason to doubt that this area has not been continuously occupied since antiquity. The area has abundant rains and terraces have been built on every suitable area of mountain side. In August the area is lush and green, a far cry from the dusty Sana'a plains. The region I chose was Wasab al-Ali to the south of Jebel Rayma.

The purpose of my visit was to establish whether there were any pre-Islamic remains and if so

what. My only point of reference was by word of mouth and the account of a fourteenth century historian, Hubeishy, who came from the area. He is a popular local reference, quoted by many. The area is full of Islamic sites. Access to Wasab is not easy, but there are two alternatives. Although it lies in the Governorate of Dhamar, the only road up to the local government center (the 'markaz') on Jebel ad-Dan is from the west side from Gerahi some 10 kilometers south of Zebid. The road follows the wadi beds once in the foothills and so in the rainy seasons is frequently washed out. When the road is in good condition it apparently takes some 5 hours from Gerahi, but can take up to 8 hours or more. Gerahi is some 6 hours from Sana'a and the latter is just over an hour from Dhamar. This makes for bad road

communications for the provincial governor. The approach from the east is quicker, but involves a three hour walk for the Yemenis and a good 5 to 6 hours for foreigners. For this route you leave the main Taiz road just south of Yarim and wend your way through Iryan to Rihab, and on through Qafra to Wasab al-Ali. Your terminus is Bahra, a small village above Suq al-Rebour. This takes about five hours from Dhamar. After Rihab the road is very rough and you must have a four wheel drive vehicle.

The walk up to ad-Dan is steep in parts, but not difficult and it takes you through some most attractive villages. Nearly every village shop is now equipped with a refrigerator and the thirsty traveller can find a refreshingly cold Pepsi or Mixed Nectar. When asked how they managed to trans-

port the refrigerators, seeing no road on the horizon, they all tell you that four of their menfolk carried them up from Barha. Everything has to be carried up they moaned. Why couldn't they transport them to ad-Dan? It isn't worth it unless you live within about an hour's walk. They explained that they always chewed extra qat to alleviate their hardship and help them to work harder. Throughout my stay in Wasab, I became firmly convinced that they were right, and found that yet another mountain was easier to tackle after a quick post-prandial chew, especially as my rucksack became heavier and heavier with the addition of potsherds, collected from numerous sites.

Evidence of Himyaritic settlement was slim, and amounted to the pottery, legend and one decorated stone on the facade of a house in Moarika (nr. Jabah). Intensive cultivation had so destroyed even mountain forts, that on top of Jebel Madnan I found the fortress wall now incorporated into a modern terrace. Every mountain top that I reached had some evidence of building. A pattern emerged in that those overlooking the minor wadis and eastwards had small towers and the one I visited overlooking the Wadi Zebid was considerably larger and had once been well fortified. This may mean that greater strength was needed to protect the major trade route, with the others as watchtowers to warn the larger centers of trouble approaching from the west. I was told that the other mountains overlooking the Wadi Zebid had similar sized settlements. The only town mentioned by both the locals and Hubeishy was Medinet. Sadly there was no time to visit it, but it is a must for a future trip.

The local governor, Qaid Muhammad Jazailan, and his staff, were all eager to help in the quest for antiquities. Some local farmers seemed suspicious and I felt they were keeping information to themselves. Some of the children told me that pieces were often found when they were ploughing the fields, but these they sold to a Hodeidah merchant, who paid them handsomely.

Perhaps they felt threatened that official representation would stop this additional source of income. Innocent finds like these, not the results of blatant pillaging and excavation, which destroy so much scientific information, are of great interest to the Department of Antiquities and the Museum. The Department usually pays for such pieces, and how much better to keep them in a national collection than face the danger of their being exported to Europe.

The local government's seat in ad-Dan is full of interest. It is on one of the highest mountains in the area, and capped with a small walled fort. This consists of a lower and upper citadel. The governor lives in an old Turkish military complex some 100 meters below the citadel. The complex includes barracks for his private guard and the prison. A few families still live in the lower citadel and one family in the gate house of the upper citadel. The foundations of the fort are said to be Sulayhid (i.e. 11th century A.D./6th century A.H.), but what stands now is Imamate, dating to the last century. Most of the buildings still stand, surrounded by a narrow surrounding wall almost two meters high. Sheer drops to all sides hardly render a wall necessary but presumably it acted as protection from flying missiles. All around you get breathtaking

views and its strategic position is immediately obvious. On clear days they told me that you could see the foothills of the Red Sea mountains.

As the reason for this journey was to look for antiquities, it immediately struck me that this fort would make a marvellous small museum, if a couple of

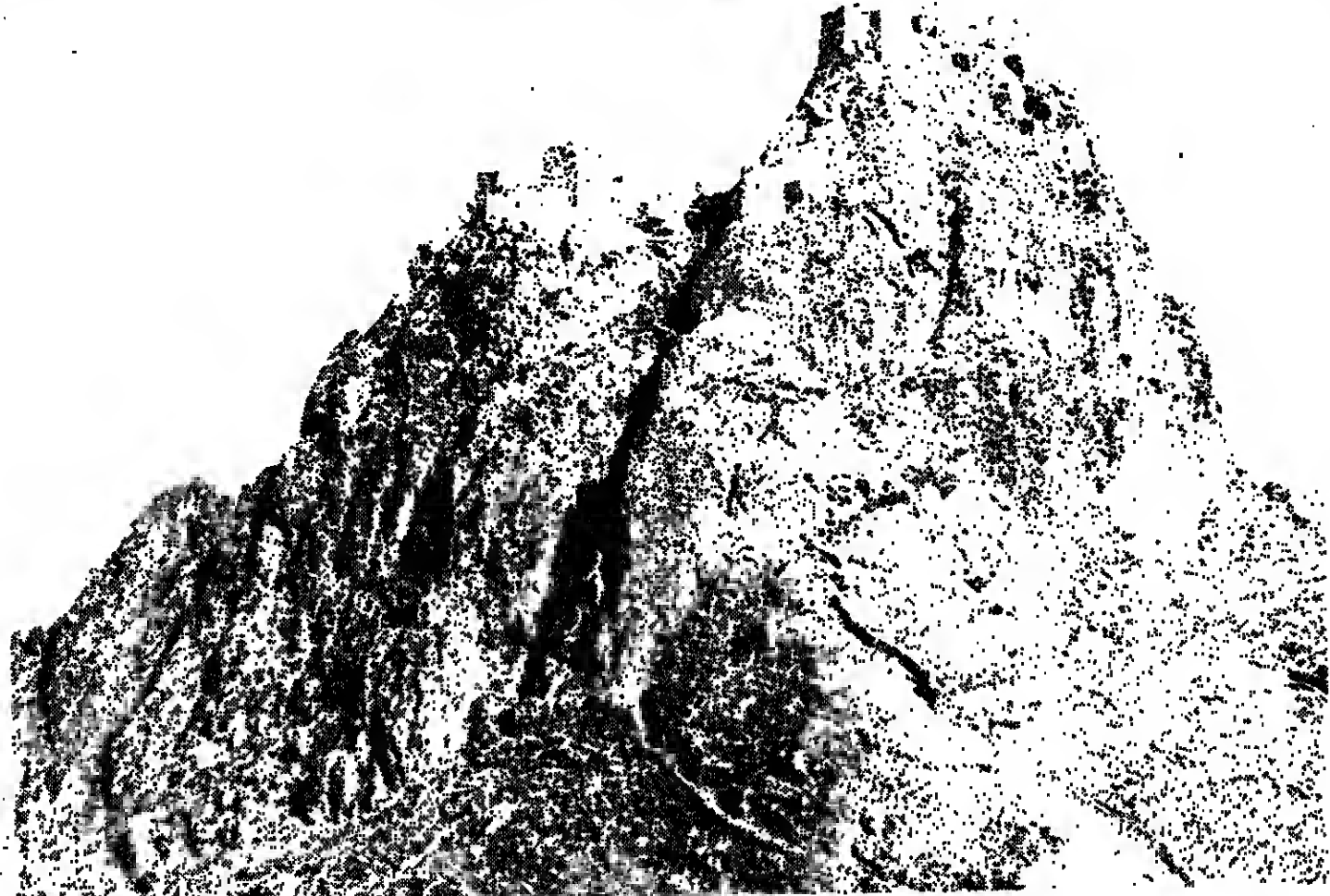
everyone can see them and admire them. A little restoration work would be needed on a few roofs, but this would be inexpensive and simple. As it is under the governor's jurisdiction security would be no problem. It is an idea that is well worth pursuing.

My search for antiquities was not well rewarded, but one can

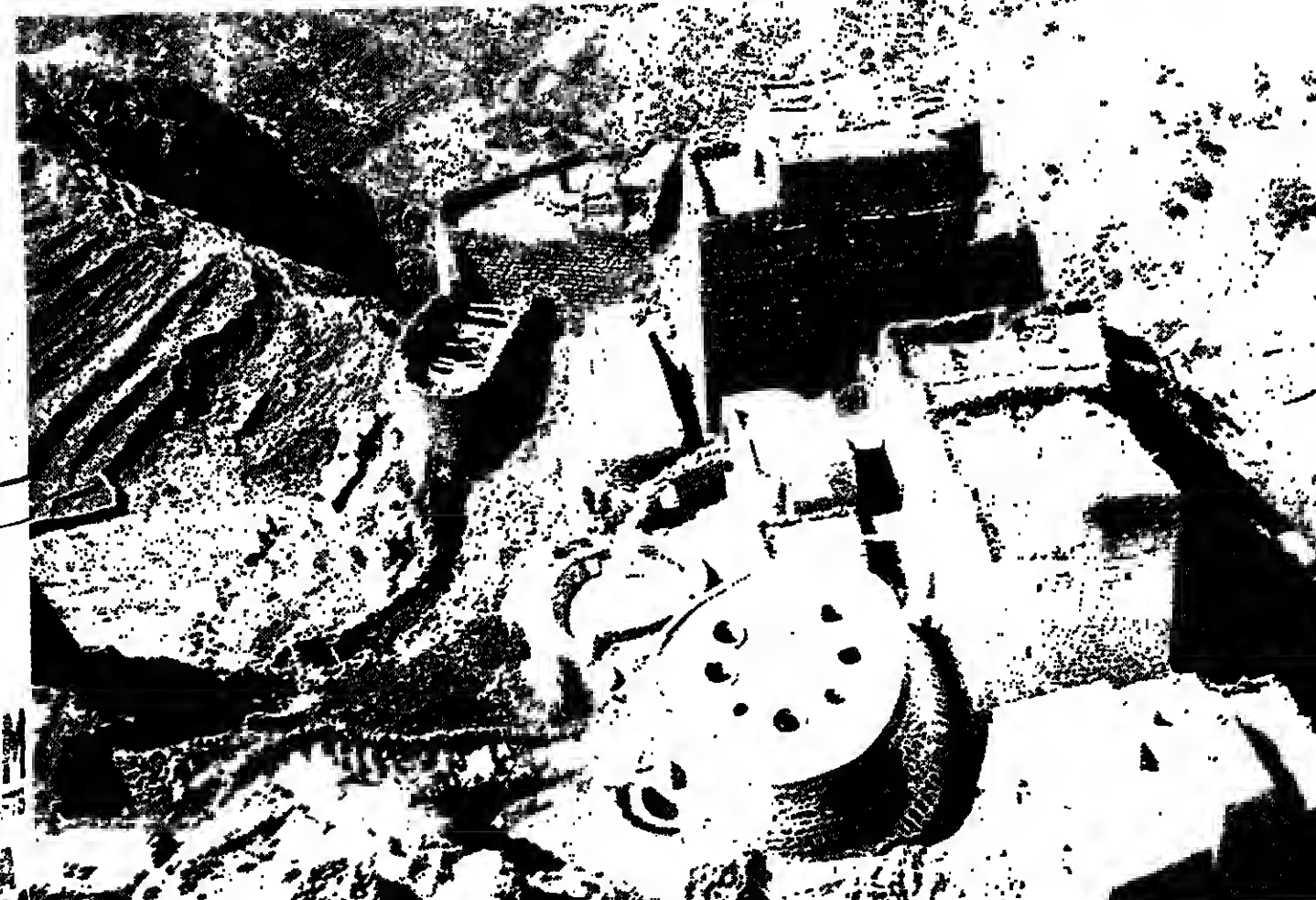
Wasab al-Ali is spectacular walking country, with terraces sweeping up the mountain sides. Finding modest accommodation is no problem, as there are so many villages and the people are very kind and hospitable. It is always advisable to take a letter of introduction to the local governor and tell him your plans. If necessary be



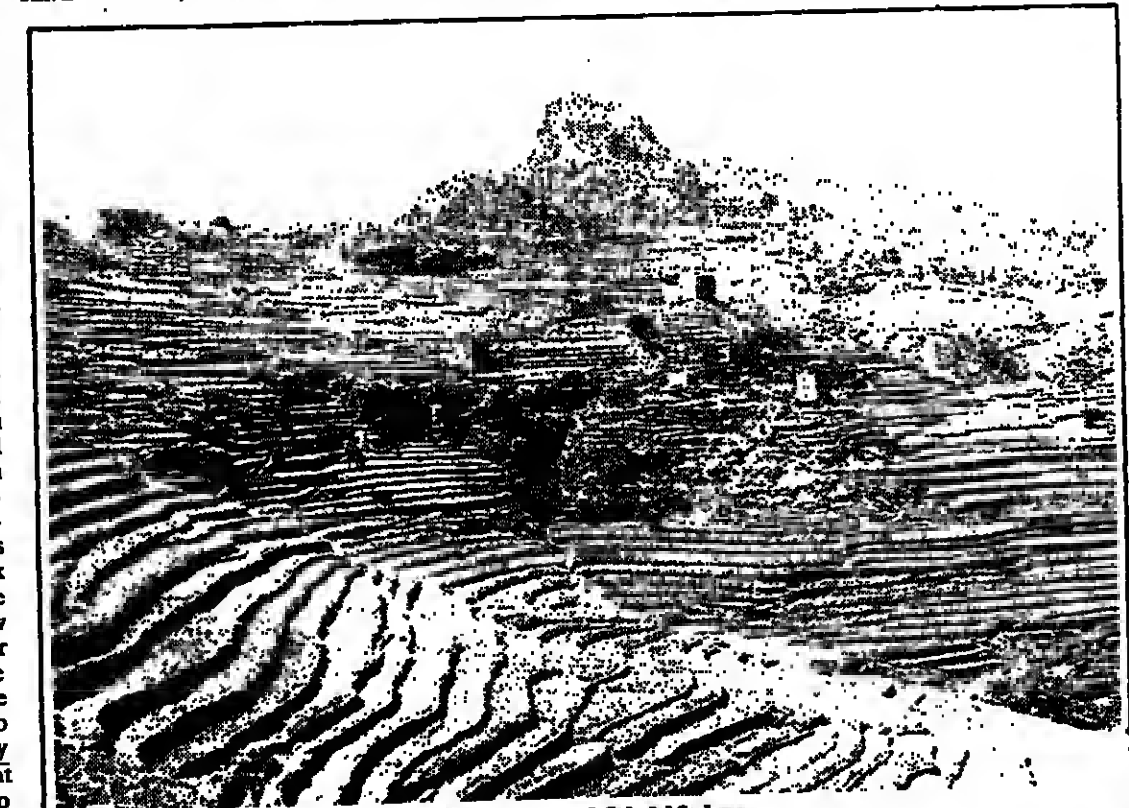
An old woman and a boy



Jebel Ad-Dan from the east



The lower citadel of Jebel Ad-Dan



Terraces around Jebel Madnan

rooms could be made available. It would be necessary to improve road communications, in order to attract more visitors from outside the area. How much better to house any local finds where

never expect too much from a preliminary search in a well populated area, that has been continuously occupied. I was not expecting to find a new Marib, but basic evidence, which I found.

can provide you with a 'rafi' (local guide who assumes full responsibility). Yemenis in the villages have an open natural curiosity and if you are not open with them they become suspicious.



The view of the markaz from the citadel



The mufti (governor) of Jebel Ad-Dan, Naqib Qaid Muhammad Jazailan, holding cane and his guard. The old French field gun dates from Imamate times.

Chrysler wins battle for \$3.5 billion

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (R) — After a final bitter round of argument, the U.S. Congress early Friday approved a \$3.5 billion government aid plan designed to save the giant Chrysler car company from bankruptcy.

The legislation authorized an unprecedented \$1.5 billion in government loan guarantees for Chrysler once the company arranges another two billion dollars in non-guaranteed financing from the private sector.

With Chrysler's three-month drive for government-backed assistance now over, the company must now find the cash to see it through the next few months it will take to put the complicated aid plan into operation.

Acting under heavy pressure from the Carter administration, the company and its politically powerful trade union, the United Auto Workers, the two houses of Congress raced through one final day of compromise and passed the bill.

The House of Representatives vote was 241 to 124. The Senate followed suit, 43 to 34 — but only after a delaying filibuster by anti-Republican Senator William Armstrong of Colorado.

He blocked action by talking until yawning, bleary-eyed colleagues cajoled him into allowing a vote.

Opponents in both houses had also argued that the U.S. government has no business rescuing failing industries the way the British have done.

But Chrysler's allies easily car-

ried the day with their insistence that the collapse of the 10th largest U.S. manufacturer would be catastrophic for the nation's economy.

The loan guarantee authorized was unprecedented for sheer size in U.S. business annals — six times the previous record of \$250 million granted to the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation in 1971.

The catch for Chrysler was the need to provide adequate assurances that it could raise the whole two billion dollars in no guaranteed funds from its banks, trade unions and other creditors before it could begin to draw on the guaranteed loan fund.

Yugoslavia strikes gas in Adriatic

BELGRADE, Dec. 21 (R) — The Yugoslav oil and gas company INA has found natural gas deposits beneath the northern Adriatic Sea which officials described as the richest yet found in the country.

The discovery, 60 km south of the coastal town of Fula, is expected to provide between two and three billion cubic meters of gas annually after commercial exploitation starts in 1985 or 1986, the officials said Thursday.

They gave no other details in a report carried by the state-run Belgrade radio.

Aid group satisfied at Egypt's economy

PARIS, Dec. 21 (AP) — Members of the 11-nation consultative group for Egypt expressed satisfaction that the Egyptian economy will continue to expand at a rate of about eight per cent in 1980.

A communique released after a two-day meeting of the Egypt Aid Group (EAG), which consists of donor nations and the major international lending organizations, said the participants felt confident Egypt could generate rapid growth in foreign exchange earnings provided appropriate trade and incentive policies were followed.

They said a combination of favorable external developments, including rising oil prices and foreign currency deposits from expatriate workers, had enabled Egypt to balance its external payments during 1979 despite a decline in foreign resource transfers.

"Immediate economic conditions remain favorable to Egypt," the communique stated. But it added that continued efforts to rationalize the economy were needed for the rapid growth of the last few years to be sustained into the 1980s.

"The need for a gradual increase in the proportion of domestic savings and the importance of strengthening the planning process were particularly emphasized," it said.

Record exports boost U.S. payment balance

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP) — Record-setting exports contributed to a \$762 million surplus in the U.S. international balance of payments for goods and services in the third quarter this year, the U.S. government reported.

It was the largest surplus since the second quarter of 1976, U.S. Commerce Department records showed. And it followed a deficit of \$1.1 billion for the second quarter.

Carter administration officials have been predicting that the nation's so-called "current account" will be near balance this year after \$14 billion deficits in each of the past two years. A surplus has been predicted for 1980.

The reason, according to Federal Reserve and Treasury officials, is that the U.S. exports of agricultural commodities and merchandise have expanded greatly, helping to offset the rising cost of imported oil.

Merchandise trade figures have been strong all year. The balance on current account data includes merchandise trade as well as the value of internationally exchanged services, investment income and unilateral government and private transfers.

The commerce report indicates that the merchandise trade deficit narrowed to \$7 billion in the third quarter from \$7.7 billion in the second quarter.

Exports of goods and services were a record \$74.4 billion in the third quarter, compared with a record \$72.3 billion in imports, the report showed.

It said the U.S. had a \$2.14 billion surplus on goods and ser-

vices and a \$1.37 billion deficit on unilateral transfers, producing the over \$762 million current account surplus. Unilateral transfers include items such as pensions paid to persons living overseas, and foreign aid.

The other major factor in the third quarter surplus was a strong increase in direct investment income, department officials said. The report showed that this income — which is interest and other earnings of U.S. companies abroad — rose nearly \$1.8 billion from the second quarter to a third quarter total of \$10.6 billion.

The report also said that net service receipts increased \$1.4 billion to 9.4 billion.

In the capital account, loans by U.S. Banks to foreigners increased \$16 billion in the third quarter, compared with an \$8.3 billion increase in the second quarter. "Foreign demand for dollars intensified after several European countries implemented credit-tightening measures," the report explained.

It added, however, that this was partly offset by a \$2.8 billion decrease in U.S. official reserve assets "which occurred as U.S. monetary authorities intervened in money market to limit the dollar's decline against leading European currencies, especially the German mark."

Also in the third quarter, foreign official assets in the United States rose \$5.6 billion after falling \$10 billion in the second quarter. And liabilities to private foreigners and international organizations rose \$14.6 billion, compared with a \$11.8 billion increase in the second quarter.



Japanese Premier Ohira

Japan orders fresh moves to reduce oil consumption

TOKYO, Dec. 21 (R) — Japanese Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira Friday ordered fresh oil conservation measures following a report that the country's import bill next year could be increased by 60 per cent.

Japan relies almost exclusively on imported oil for its energy needs, and is already trying to cut consumption by around five per cent following the agreement at the summit of industrial democracies in Tokyo last June.

After Friday's cabinet meeting at which Prime Minister Ohira ordered the fresh efforts, Trade and Industry Minister Yoshitake Sasaki told reporters he had

ordered his department to work out further ways of reducing consumption.

The private Japanese Energy Economic Research Institute said in a report Friday that Japan's crude oil import bill would rise from \$32 billion this year to an estimated \$53 billion in 1980.

Under Japan's present conservation measures, which are not backed by law, drivers are being urged not to make unnecessary journeys and to keep their speed down.

Office workers have also been asked to lower central heating temperatures at home and at work.

Japan plans increased foreign aid

TOKYO, Dec. 21 (AP) — Japan should step up financial and technical aid to oil producing and other developing nations to obtain stable energy resources in the 1980s, the ministry of international trade and industry said Friday, in a white paper on economic cooperation.

The paper said recent increase in oil price is seriously affecting non-oil producing developing nations. Japan should step up financial aid to these nations, particularly to help them develop energy resources, expand employment and promote economic independence.

Japan's foreign aid in 1978 totaled \$10.7 billion, compared with \$5.53 billion in 1977. The amount, the paper said, is 1.09 per cent of Japan's 1978 gross national product (GNP), compared with 0.8 per cent of GNP in 1977.

The paper emphasized that it is now one of Japan's most important problems to promote its economic cooperation and friendly relations with oil producing nations from point of view of its economic security.

It also said private enterprises should set up more joint ventures in oil producing nations.

U.N. approves \$250m for Third World aid

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 21 (AP) — The United Nations has approved a \$250 million boost for Third World science and technology that U.N. officials said might help heal the rift between the developed and developing worlds.

The plan, approved by the General Assembly Wednesday night, sets up a fund to promote science and technology in emerging nations during the next two years.

It also creates an intergovernmental committee to study how the fund can be made permanent after 1982. The \$250 million will be raised by voluntary contributions.

The plan stems from a 26-nation conference in Vienna, Austria, in August which was marked by a confrontation between the developing nations, led by a bloc called the Group of 77, and the industrial countries of the West.

The \$250 million fund falls far short of the \$2 billion to 4 billion sought by the Group of 77, which argued that it was the duty of the industrial world to help. But U.N. officials said they hoped the fund could be increased if the interim fund works.

Bradford Morse, administrator of the U.N. Development Program, which will manage the fund,

hailed it as "a major new international agreement."

Morse, a former U.S. congressman from Massachusetts, said it was becoming apparent to the industrial nations that their economies depend on the developing nations just as the developing nations depend on them.

"An estimated 70 per cent of the world's people live in developing countries,"

"The key to the success of developing countries' economies is the use of science. It isn't just a one-way street. There are 4 million people in the United States employed on the developing world," said one U.N. official, who asked not to be named.

It is not known yet exactly how the interim fund will be spent, since that depends on what projects the developing nations propose after a pledging conference to raise money next spring.

But U.N. officials said they hoped the projects would include mineral and petroleum exploration, small-scale metal and cement manufacturing, solar desalination of water, low-cost sanitation and drinking water projects and forecasting of storms, floods and earthquakes.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Directorate of Education, Medina	Construction of the fifth instalment of ordinary schools	200		Dec. 30
" " "	Construction of the sixth instalment of ordinary schools	200		Jan. 1
" " "	Construction of the seventh instalment of ordinary schools	200		Jan. 1
Municipality of Al-Omran	Supply of insecticides and other chemical materials	99/1400	500	Jan. 8
Directorate of the National Guard	Additions to the shooting ranges in Bahra, Western Province	19-99/400	300	Jan. 1
" " "	Additions to the shooting range in Alsa	18-99/400	300	Dec. 29
" " "	Supply of spare parts for Landrovers and Rangrovers	20-99/400	1000	Jan. 5

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Quoted at 6:00 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.37	3.377	3.3725
Pound Sterling	7.42	7.46	7.45
Deutsche Mark (100)	195.00	196.00	195.25
Swiss F (100)	211.00	213.00	211.00
French F (100)	83.00	83.40	83.40
Italian Lira (10,000)	42.00	42.50	41.85
Lebanese Lira (100)		102.00	102.00
Syrian Lira (100)		78.50	86.90
Egyptian Pound		4.50	4.62
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.31	12.35
Jordanian Dinar		11.35	11.38
Emirates Dirham (100)		89.50	89.80
Qatar Riyal (100)		91.25	91.25
Bahraini Dinar		8.95	8.95
Iranian Riyal (100)		—	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)		9.50	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)		74.50	74.10
Moroccan Dirham (100)		80.00	80.00
Indian Rupee (100)		—	41.90
Pakistani Rupee (100)		—	34.20
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Silver kg.		—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	14.42	—	14.18
Canadian Dollar	2.86	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	119.00	119.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	176.00	176.00	176.50
Spanish Peso		51.00	51.15
Greek Drachma (1,000)		80.00	—
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5	Blat de Sao Bras	U.S.A.	Apples	18-12-79
6	Mahatma	S.E.A.	Bag Barley/General	15-12-79
7	Doritos	Alpha	" "	15-12-79
8	Archangelos "G"	Algebrak	" "	17-12-79
9	Atlantic Reefer	O.C.E.	Veg./Chickens	14-12-79
10	Wladyslaw Jagello	Altas	Gen./Figs/Citrus	19-12-79
11	Samadi	O.C.E.	Eggs/Apples	18-12-79
13	Ngornel Chau	Altas	Dumro	12-12-79
14	Anubis	O.C.E.	Fruit	18-12-79
15	Gedaref	A.E.T.	Citrus	19-12-79
16	Tristan	H.S.S.C.	Citrus	18-12-79
18	Odyssus	Rolco	B-Cement	17-12-79
20 A	Mafmatris	El Hawi	Timber	16-12-79
20 B	Audax	H.T.A.	Timber/Marble/Tractors	13-12-79
21	Capiton Marcos	Kanoo	Citrus/Gen.	14-12-79
22	Taurus	General	General	18-12-79
23	Nefes 2	Kanoo	Steel/General	18-12-79
24	Marco Polo	Alsbah	Frozen Poultry	12-12-79
27	Costas	O.C.E.	Veg./Poultry	17-12-79
28	Tarago	Medco	Citrus/General	16-12-79
29	Christina Isabella	Altas	Gen./Citrus	18-12-79
38	Arriethal "A"	Alwadi	Dumro/Dumro	13-12-79
40	Scapwell	S.C.S.A.	Bag Wheat/Barley	14-12-79
41	Prometheus	O.C.E.	Barley	14-12-79

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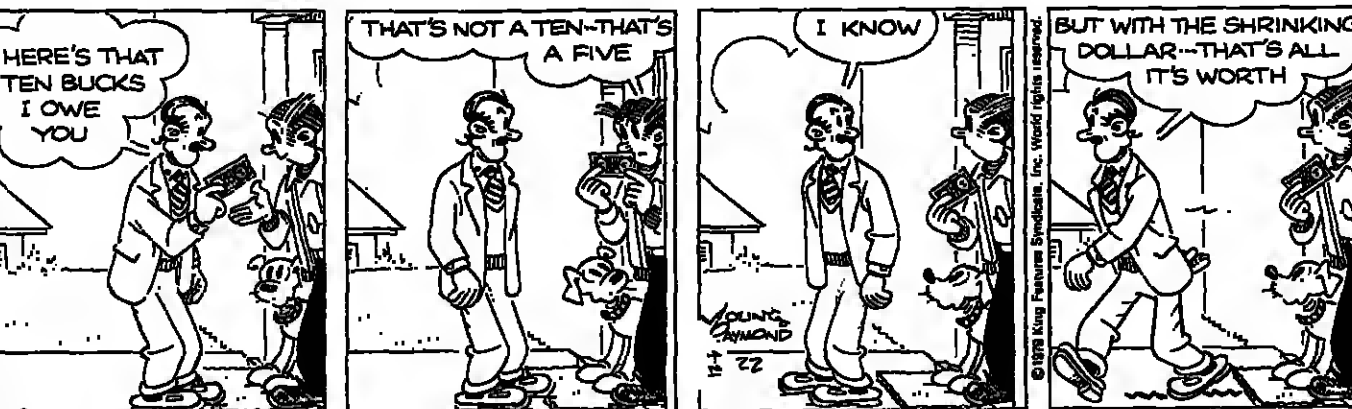
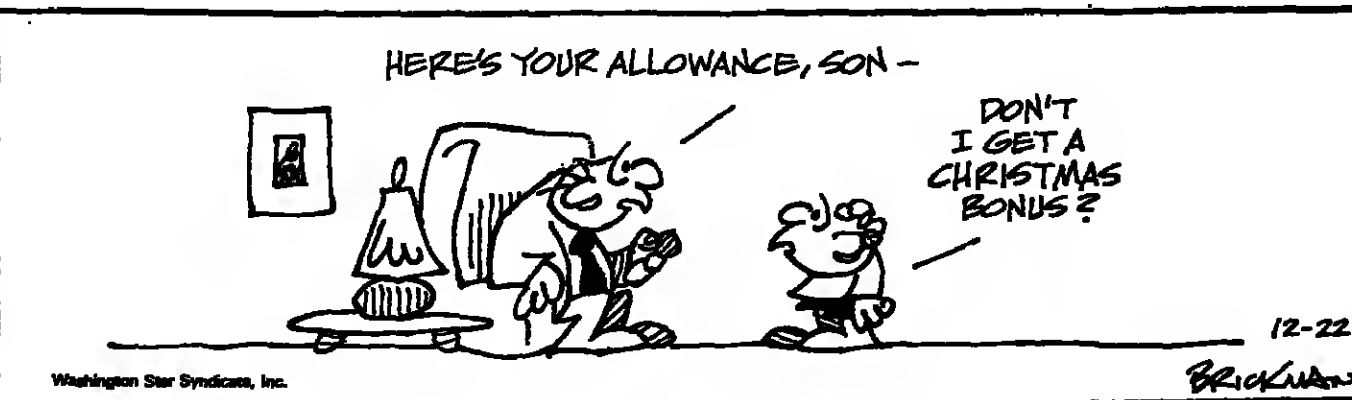
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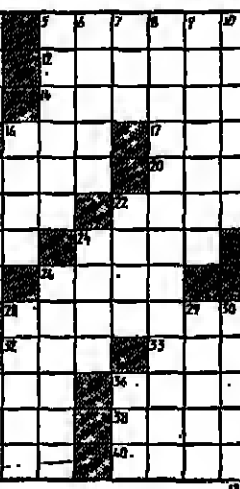
Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Gopher
5 Pull up
11 Old oath
12 Judge's chamber
13 Dessert
14 Attraction
15 Consumed
16 "You"
17 Greek letter
18 Irritated
19 Merriment
20 Clutched
21 Swiss river
22 Roll call
24 French cheese
25 Neckwear
26 Early suffragist
27 Old cloth measure
28 Swamp lands
31 Brew
32 Make nervous
33 Moist
34 Buttin' it
35 Radial, e.g.
37 Railroad car
38 Exotic

DOWN
39 Become profound
40 At that time
1 Nut
2 2 1/2-point type
3 Go on the wagon
4 Nigerian city
5 Covering
6 Not live
7 Elec. term
8 Trust in
9 Steno's error
10 Solution in medicine
16 German river
19 Prehistoric mound
22 Martial and
23 Greek
24 Kennel sound
25 Gouged out, as a pipe
26 Lunch
28 A.A. -
29 Unearthly
30 Fortnighing
31 Brief plunge
36 Exclamation

RIAPID MERIT
AMABLE BODE
COCK AND BELL
SILK DAD SL
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DOING STINE
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BULLY FOR YOU
ANGEL MARIE
READY FRIEND

Saturday's Answer
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X R
L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

CZTP F YFP FKKWYTK F IWG.
DRB SEWKS, ZT KZWVDV BMP.
KRVTE ZRYKTD A FK IWGDRB
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Both sides vulnerable

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♥ J 9 4
♦ A 10
♣ K Q 9 6 2

WEST
♠ Q J 10 4
♥ 8 7 2
♦ Q 8 5
♣ 7 5

EAST
♠ A 6 3
♥ K 10
♦ K 10 4 3 2
♣ 8 3

SOUTH
♠ 9 7 2
♥ A Q 5 3
♦ K
♣ A J 7 4

The bidding:
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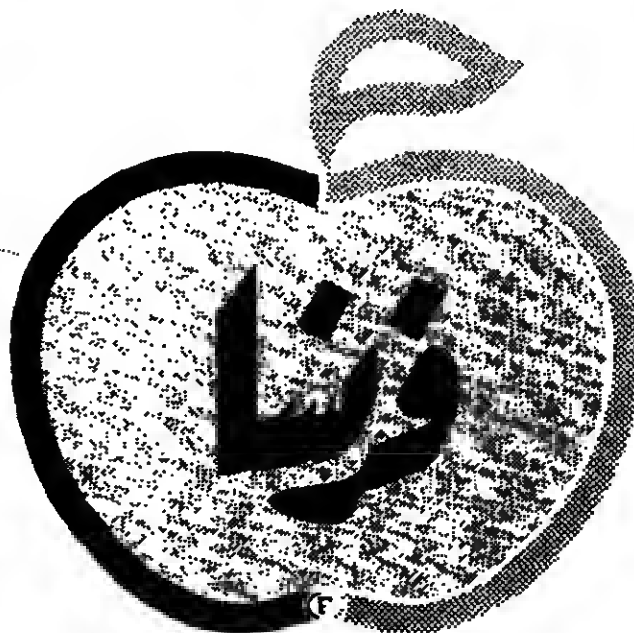
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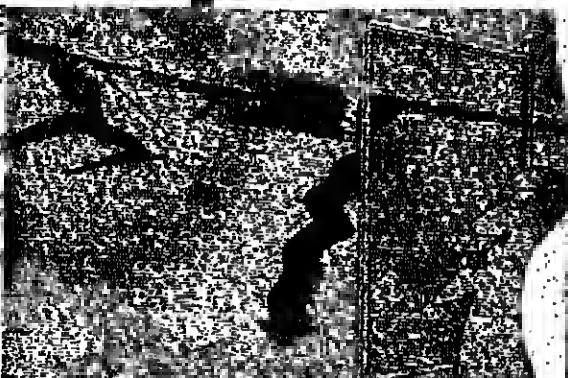
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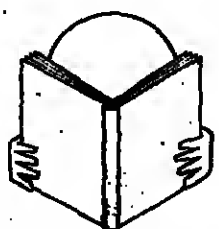
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Troops arrive in Salisbury

Rhodesia ceasefire signed in London

LONDON, Dec. 21 (AP) — The peace settlement ending a seven-year guerrilla war in Britain's last African colony of Rhodesia was signed Friday in London.

British officials said the ceremony went through "without a hitch."

After the 15-minute ceremony at Lancaster House, British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington said the signing represented "an end of war and enmity."

He said: "It is essential the parties realize this is a solemn and binding agreement."

Carrington and his deputy Sir Ian Gilmour signed for Britain. Carrington chaired the 15-week conference that brought the settlement in the eighth month of Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government.

The war cost more than 21,000 lives.

Previous Labor and Conservative governments failed over the years to solve the Rhodesia rebellion, which began with a white settler breakaway from Britain in 1965 and then turned into guerrillas war.

The Rhodesia signatories were Bishop Abel Muzorewa, leader of the country's biracial government, his deputy Silas Monda-warara, and their rivals, Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe, joint leaders of the Patriotic Front guerrillas.

After the signing all the parties shook hands.

The settlement signed Friday calls for a

cease-fire in seven days, elections in two months and formal independence from Britain immediately afterward.

British troops arrived in Rhodesia Thursday, the first of a Commonwealth contingent to monitor the cease-fire.

When Rhodesia becomes independent under its new name of Zimbabwe — the African name for the territory — it is expected to become a full member of the British Commonwealth.

When he flew in earlier Friday, Muzorewa predicted the Patriotic Front candidates will lose the forthcoming elections that are expected to instal an African majority government.

Muzorewa, denounced by the guerrillas as a settler puppet, said that if the Front does win, there will be a "bloody civil war."

The bishop called on Mrs. Thatcher at 10 Downing Street before going to the ceremony and Nkomo and Mugabe also saw the premier.

In Rhodesia, Muzorewa has given way to Lord Soames, a Conservative cabinet minister and ex-diplomat, appointed by Carrington to reimpose British rule and govern Rhodesia until its new government is elected.

Settler leader Ian Smith, who led the Rhodesian breakaway in 1965, did not come to London for the ceremony.

The signing of the Rhodesian peace accord

in London sets in motion a complex and detailed plan leading to a complete ceasefire by Jan. 4 and elections probably in early March.

British spokesman and officials who have already arrived in Salisbury with Lord Soames, express few illusions about the chances of cease-fire violations. But of one thing they have been confident no matter what the Patriotic Front or the Salisbury side do from now on, elections will be held.

"There's going to be elections whether they like it or not," said a British spokesman. He gave the following timetable for the implementation on the ceasefire.

As soon as the ceasefire was signed, the warring forces are to stop offensive actions and cross-border raids, and Rhodesian troops were to start returning to their bases.

In the meantime the 1,200-man Commonwealth peacekeeping force had begun arriving and was being dispatched to the 56 bases and assembly points around Rhodesia.

The assembly points were to be fully staffed and operational by Dec. 29, when the Patriotic Front soldiers were expected to start gathering at designated points for transportation to the assembly areas.

The cease-fire formally begins in force Jan. 4: after which all hostile acts become illegal. Any breach of the ceasefire after that date would be dealt with by Soames and the ceasefire monitoring commission, headed by British Maj. Gen. John Acland and including generals of both the Patriotic Front and the Rhodesian forces.

The death toll in the war has halved since the British governor, Lord Soames, arrived

Kennedy hits Carter over energy policy

ROCHESTER, New Hampshire Dec. 21 (AP) — A sharp attack on President Jimmy Carter's leadership, Senator Edward M. Kennedy Thursday accused the United States president of being "absent without leave" in the country's fight against higher energy prices.

Campaigning in New Hampshire, a state heavily dependent on home heating oil, Kennedy said the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has raised prices seven times since Carter took office.

"In the face of this threat, the president has been silent. The commander-in-chief of the moral equivalent of war has been absent without leave," Kennedy said in a speech prepared for delivery to the Rochester Chamber of Commerce.

The remarks were Kennedy's sharpest attack to date on Carter's energy policies. When he spoke, however, he skipped the remarks, although aides said Kennedy stands by them.

In Washington, White House press secretary Jody Powell all but called Kennedy a liar and declared, in what obviously was a prepared response to a request for comment:

"It seems to me that the senator's campaign statements are becoming increasingly shrill and irresponsible."

Australia defeats West Indies tourists

SYDNEY, Dec. 21 (R) — Australia, earlier beaten by both England and the West Indies in the international one-day cricket series, shocked the West Indies here Friday by defeating them by seven runs in an exciting match in the limited-over series.

The West Indies appeared to have a tight grip on the game when they reached 112 for two in reply to Australia's 176 for six in the allotted 50 overs. But Geoff Dymock and Greg Chappell ravaged the middle-order batting and pace star Dennis Lillee mopped up the tail-end to finish off the West Indies for 169, scored 42.5 overs.

Lillee, who also dismissed both opening batsmen, took four wickets for 3 runs in 8.5 overs.

Batting stars of the match were Viv Richards, with 62 for the West Indies, and controversial former Australian Test captain Ian Chappell, who hit 63 not out to rescue his side from a perilous 94 for five.



FRIENDLY: Lord Soames, the new British governor in Rhodesia, appears to be getting a friendly reception from the citizens of Salisbury shortly after his arrival last week.

nine days ago to supervise a ceasefire and organize elections, according to official military command reports in Salisbury.

But at least ten persons, mainly blacks, continue to lose their lives each day in the conflict.

The average daily toll this year has been 21.

Ninety-eight persons have lost their lives in the war since Lord Soames restored British rule for the first time since the previous white minority government's 1965 rebellion against the crown.

More than 21,000 lives have been lost since the first shots were fired in the war seven years ago.

Military sources here say many guerrilla units among the 15,000 believed inside the country have observed their own unofficial ceasefire awaiting the outcome of peace talks in London.

Thursday, Carrington said Britain will not become embroiled in a "mini-Vietnam" by sending its troops into Rhodesia.

Appearing on the British Broadcasting Corp., Lord Carrington was asked whether Britain was taking a risk that its forces might be drawn into the Rhodesian conflict and made to fight.

"We have no intention of British troops getting involved. We have no intention of getting involved in a mini-Vietnam," he said, referring to the U.S. troop fighting in Southeast Asia.

"I wake up in the night, think of things that could go wrong. We are determined to get it right."

Lord Carrington emphasized that the

ceasefire must go into effect within 14 days, and that if fighting breaks out it will be Rhodesia's new governor, Lord Soames, who must try to stop it.

But the British peer acknowledged that Lord Soames faces "a difficult situation if things go wrong."

Under the new agreement, the governor has at his command a combined force of Rhodesian troops and guerrillas from the previously outlawed Patriotic Front. Many observers are skeptical that the seven-year-old bush war can be ended in two weeks.

"If fighting breaks out or the ceasefire breaks down, the governor will have to use the forces which will accept his authority," Lord Carrington said. But he stressed that this does not mean either British or Commonwealth ceasefire monitors.

Britain has achieved the admiration of the world for its work in chairing the marathon Rhodesian conference, which threatened to break down right up to the eleven hour of its signing Friday.

The ceasefire should pave the way for new elections and international recognition of an independent Zimbabwe Rhodesia.

But Rhodesian military commander Peter Walls arrived in London for the signing and warned Thursday that Patriotic Front election victory would mean "a bloody and disastrous civil war."

Denouncing the Patriotic Front guerrillas as "agents of Soviet imperialism," Walls called on Lord Soames not to allow "any nonsense" from either side during the ceasefire period.

But crew not blamed

Chicago DC-10 could have flown on

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP) — The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board concluded Thursday that although the flight crew might have saved the aircraft, it was not to blame for the crash of a DC-10 jetliner that killed 273 persons in Chicago last spring.

"It was not a doomed aircraft and could have been flown around if all the warnings had been available to the crew," Chairman James B. King said as the board began deliberating the cause of the worst aviation disaster in U.S. history.

The conclusion was offered by the board's staff of investigators in their analysis of the accident and informally adopted by the five-member board as part of its final report.

The board had hoped to vote formally on adopting the complete report Thursday, but the hearing got off to a slow start and was to continue Friday.

The accident occurred last May 25 when an engine dropped off American Airlines flight 191 on takeoff, causing the big plane to roll

sharply to the left, shudder to a stall and plunge into an abandoned airfield less than a mile from the runway. All 271 persons aboard the plane and two on the ground were killed.

Specialists testified that when the engine broke away it knocked out an electrical system that turned off cockpit instruments that could have warned the crew that the plane was about to stall because slats had retracted on one wing but remained extended on the other.

Slats are metal plates that extend from the front edge of the wing during landing and takeoff, expanding the curve of the wing and thus allowing it to generate lift at slower speeds than ordinarily would be possible.

"Tests show that the plane could have been flown out of the stall regime and could have flown around and landed safely on the same runway," said investigator Allan R. Tobiasson.

Ulster 'peace people' going broke

BELFAST, Dec. 21 (AP) — The Peace People, the most well-known of the pacifist movements in Northern Ireland, is running short of money.

But its three-year old crusade to end the province's decade of sectarian bloodshed isn't running out of steam, says chairman Peter McLachlan.

"We've got problems — but we're not facing collapse," the former Protestant politician stressed.

He concedes the movement has problems and has lost the initial momentum generated when the peace people was formed in August 1976 amid a surge of anti-war sentiment among Northern Ireland's violence-weary populace.

It aims at building bridges between the province's Protestants and Roman Catholic factions.

NATO troop cut plan seen as inadequate

VIENNA, Dec. 21 (AP) — New NATO troop cut proposals do not appear to meet Warsaw Pact requirements, a spokesman has said as the seven-year-old talks on force reduction in central Europe ended their 19th round.

The proposal, announced last week in Brussels, includes an offer to withdraw 13,000 American troops from Europe if the Soviet Union withdraws 30,000 of its troops from Eastern Europe.

East German Ambassador Andre Wiedland, in a statement prepared for the forwarding of the current round of talks in Vienna, said Thursday a first review seemed to show that "certain positions" of Warsaw Pact countries were disregarded in the plan.

Earlier, W. de vos van Steenwijk, the Dutch ambassador speaking for NATO, told a news conference the proposal was "almost identical" with Eastern conceptions.

But he made it clear that a precondition for the proposed troop reduction was agreement on Warsaw Pact troop strength in Eastern Europe.

NATO officials have contended the Warsaw Pact was holding a numerical superiority of about 150,000 troops.

The Western proposals were unveiled last week at a meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), which also approved the stationing of medium-range American missiles in Western Europe.

The Soviet Union had led a Warsaw Pact campaign of propaganda condemning such a move, and Wiedland said NATO states were responsible for what he said was lack of progress in the latest Vienna round.

"Against all warnings, NATO countries took decisions in Brussels last week which start a new round of the arms race," he said.

Western sources in the talks discounted the harsh Eastern reaction, one saying that Wiedland's comments served the "factual purpose" of downplaying the importance of the Western proposals.

The Eastern response, said the source, asking not to be identified, "should not be seen as a substantive evaluation or reaction."

Dutch ambassador van Steenwijk said in a separate news conference before Wiedland's remarks that the West was "convinced that it is now possible to break through the difficulties which have for so long stood in the way of a first agreement" in the Vienna talks.

He said that in the interest of trying to reach a first-stage agreement the West had avoided mention of tanks, air forces and other areas where no agreement had been possible.

He said the West had restricted its troop limit proposals to Soviet and American soldiers for the same reason.

The Dutch ambassador to the talks said the West had proposed a seven-point surveillance lance system that would have to be part of an agreement.

He said it covered advance notice of movements out of garrison by one or more military divisions on either side, the right to send observers to such movements and an annual schedule covering troop movements in Central Europe.

Each side would also be allowed to make 18 inspections of the other side a year and checkpoints would be set up through which forces would move in and out of Central Europe.

Both sides would exchange information on their military forces and both would agree not to interfere with "national technical means" of surveillance.



DEVASTATION: The ruins of this building on the island of Bali show the force of the earthquake which hit Indonesia last week, killing 25 and injuring about 200 others.

Referendum next spring

Quebec unveils autonomy vote plan

QUEBEC, Canada Dec. 21 (AP) — The government said Thursday its planned spring referendum will ask for a mandate to negotiate partial independence from Canada, but no separation plan will be implemented until a second referendum is held.

It was the first time Premier Rene Levesque and his Parti Quebecois have promised to consult Quebecers a second time before entering into a new agreement with the predominantly English-speaking part of the country or declaring independence from it. More than 80 per cent of the people of Quebec speak French.

Levesque wants Quebec to administer its own taxes and establish relations with other countries, but maintain a common currency and other economic ties with Canada.

In a statement to the legislature, Levesque said even if the government receives a mandate to negotiate a new relationship with Canada, "no change of political status will take place without the Quebec population having had the opportunity to approve it specifically through the same democratic means of a referendum."

Levesque said it was never his government's intention to ask for a "blank check."

"It is for Quebecers to decide on their future, and they must be able to approve each of the major steps in their constitutional evolution," he said.

The idea of a second referendum would be to give voters a chance to ratify any new agreement worked out between the provincial and federal governments, or, if negotiations fail, to ask voters to approve independence.

The referendum unveiled by Levesque includes a three-paragraph preamble stating the Quebec government "has made public its proposal to negotiate a new agreement with the rest of Canada."

The agreement, the referendum continues, would "enable Quebec to acquire the exclusive power to make its laws, administer its taxes and establish relations abroad — in other words, sovereignty — and at the same time, to maintain with Canada an economic association including a common currency."

The preamble also says: "any change in political status resulting from these negotiations will be submitted to the people through a referendum."

It ends with the specific question: "On these terms, do you agree to give the government of Quebec the mandate to negotiate the proposed agreement between Quebec and Canada?"

The voters will be asked to respond "yes" or "no."

The referendum is expected to be held in May or June.

In announcing the wording of the referendum, Levesque said the "time to act has arrived." He called on Quebecers to vote "Yes" in order to end the "unacceptable character of the status quo" under a federal system.

Liberal Leader Claude Ryan reacted immediately to the question calling it "a fraud" and said the wording was totally unacceptable.

He said he hoped the government would reconsider the wording when the assembly reconvenes, probably in late February.

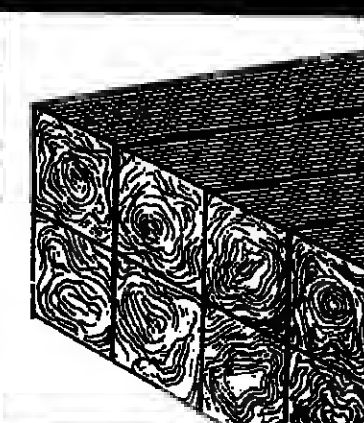
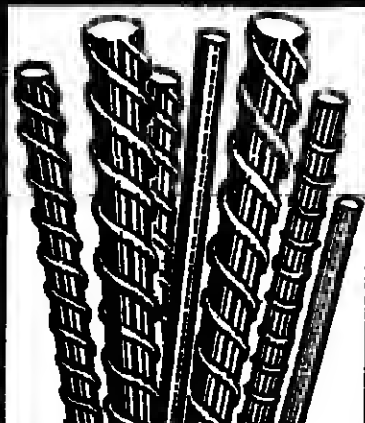
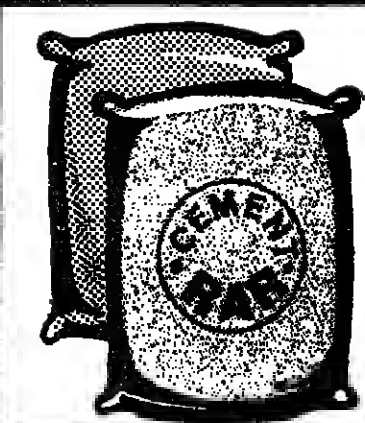
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